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Dear Mr TSANG,

Panel on Welfare Services

**Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to
Tackle Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence**

On behalf of the Subcommittee, I write to convey to you members' concerns about the classification of domestic violence and family violence reports and the handling of such cases by the Police.

The Subcommittee notes that under the Police's classification system, domestic violence reports are classified into three categories, namely "domestic violence (crime)", "domestic violence (miscellaneous)" and "domestic incidents". The Subcommittee also notes that the Police regard cases of violence occurring between persons who fall under the familial relationship as defined in the Domestic and Cohabitation Relationship Violence Ordinance (Cap. 189) as family violence (crime) cases.

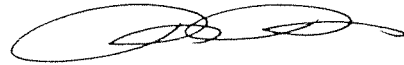
In the course of deliberation, the Subcommittee is gravely concerned about the drastic drop in number of "domestic violence (miscellaneous)" cases since the introduction of the "domestic incidents" category under the Police's classification system for domestic conflict reports. Besides, the Police have referred a small number of domestic violence cases to the Social Welfare Department for support service. Members are concerned about the criteria for the Police officers to determine the classification of

and follow-up actions for individual domestic violence and family violence reports as well as the need for making timely referrals for appropriate assistance and support services.

To facilitate further consideration of the matter, members agreed that I should write to request you to provide the Subcommittee with a set of the Police's operational guidelines including "Emergency Referral Questionnaire", "Action Checklist", and any other related protocol for handling domestic violence and family violence reports. Further, I should be grateful if you could provide the relevant statistics of family violence (crime) reports handled by the Police in the past years.

Looking forward to your early reply and with best regards,

Yours sincerely,



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