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Dear Hon WONG,

**Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2016-17**

(Question Serial No: R042)

I refer to the above question which you raised during the examination of the estimates of expenditure for 2016-17 regarding the Quota and Points System (QPS). Our reply is as follows.

Since the implementation of the refined QPS with effect from 1 February 2015 and up till end March 2016, the Housing Department (HD) has received about 2 700 enquiries concerning non-elderly one-person applications. Each case has been properly handled in accordance with the established procedures.

Under the refined points system, a one-off bonus of 60 points is awarded to applicants when they have reached the age of 45; and the scale of age points is increased from three to nine points per year of age increase at the time of application (i.e. zero point will be given to applicants aged 18; nine points will be given to those aged 19; 18 points to those aged 20 and so forth). Therefore, most of the applicants were awarded additional points upon the implementation of the refined points system, except for a small number of applicants who applied at the age of 18 and hence their accumulative points remained unchanged.

When the Subsidised Housing Committee of the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) endorsed the refinement of QPS at its meeting on 14 October 2014, it also decided that for those applicants who have passed the

detailed eligibility vetting on or before that date and are undergoing the allocation process, their priority for public rental housing (PRH) allocation would be based on their points allotted under either the refined system or the old system, whichever enables earlier allocation. However, apart from the age of applicants, allocation of PRH units to individual QPS applicants is also subject to other factors such as their waiting time, whether they are currently living in PRH with their family members, the supply of PRH units available for allocation, annual allocation quota for QPS applicants, etc. Hence, HD does not have relevant statistics about the number of applicants who could be offered PRH units immediately after they were awarded the additional points.

We will continue to closely monitor the implementation of QPS.

Yours sincerely,

( Original Signed )

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