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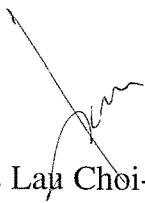
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Dear Hon Cheung

Questions on the Estimates of Expenditure 2016-17
(Serial number: R079 & R080)

I refer to the questions you raised regarding the Estimate of Expenditure 2016-17 (Serial number R079 & R080) and would like to provide the required information at Annexes I and II attached.

If you have any inquiry, please contact the undersigned at 2892 5213.


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for Director of Social Welfare

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R079

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