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Dear Mr Lo,

121KA - Joint-user Government Office Building in Cheung Sha Wan

During the discussion of the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council on the above item on 13 November 2015, the Dr Hon Priscilla Leung requested the Government to provide supplementary information regarding the planned provision of a new district library and a study room in the vicinity of the Nam Cheong MTR station. Our reply is set out below.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will set up a new district library in the proposed government facilities block at the Northwest Kowloon Reclamation Site 6. The library will provide facilities including an adult library, a children's library, a reference section, a newspapers and periodicals section, a computer and information centre, a multimedia library and a students' study room with 220 seats. The Government plans to seek funding approval from the FC in the current legislative session. Subject to FC's approval, construction works will start in mid-2016 for completion by end 2019. After taking over the premises, LCSD will

carry out internal fitting-out works for the library, which is expected to become operational in mid-2020.

There are currently a total of 11 study rooms in Sham Shui Po District, including two study rooms in LCSD's Po On Road Public Library and Lai Chi Kok Public Library, three study rooms subsidised by the Social Welfare Department and six study rooms subsidised by voluntary organizations (three of which receive rent and rates subsidies from the Education Bureau). Altogether, they provide around 900 seats. The majority of these study rooms will extend their opening hours during public examination period to cater for increased demand.

Having considered the demand and supply situation of study rooms in Sham Shui Po District, LCSD does not plan to set up students' study room facilities in the joint-user government office building in Cheung Sha Wan.

Yours sincerely,



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