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Clerk to Panel on Education
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central
HONG KONG
(Attn.: Miss Polly Yeung)

Dear Miss Yeung

Panel on Education
Follow-up to special meeting on 29 November 2015

I refer to your letter dated 30 November 2015 on a list of issues arising from the captioned special meeting. Our response to item 1 of the list is at the Annex. Since our response to item 2 of the list of issues was submitted on 3 December, we have no outstanding item concerning the captioned issue.

Should you have any enquiries, please contact Ms Eunice CHAN, Assistant Secretary (Assessment & Support) on 2192 8943.

Yours sincerely

(Eunice CHAN)
for Secretary for Education

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**Complaints received by the
Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) in 2010-2015
regarding the assessment items of Territory-wide System Assessment (TSA)**

A total of six complaints regarding the assessment items of TSA were received by HKEAA between 2010 and 2015. A summary on these complaints is set out in the table below:

no	Year	TSA paper	Content	Remarks
1	2010	2009 Primary 3 English Language – Reading	A teacher complained that the use of “to” after “spend” was incorrect.	Not substantiated. HKEAA replied to the complainant and explained the rationale.
2	2010	2010 Primary 3 English Language – Reading	A teacher complained that i) the reading texts were lengthy; ii) the assessment time was long; and iii) the use of “if” clause and passive voice was beyond the curriculum of Key Stage 1.	Not substantiated. HKEAA replied to the complainant and explained the rationale.
3	2012	2012 Secondary 3 English Language – Writing 2012	A secondary school principal complained about the use of the word “cheongsam”. It was considered that students who did not speak Chinese would be made disadvantaged.	Not substantiated. HKEAA replied to the complainant and explained the rationale.
4	2015	General	A parent complained that the TSA supplementary exercises were too difficult	The HKEAA replied to the complainant and explained that supplementary exercises produced by commercial publishers were not under the purview of HKEAA.
5	2015	General	A parent complained that the TSA assessment items were getting more and more difficult.	The HKEAA replied to the complainant and explained the mechanism on the

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				design of assessment items and the enhancement measures implemented in 2015.
6	2015	General	A parent complained that the TSA assessment items were getting more and more difficult, which led to drilling in school.	The HKEAA replied to the complainant and explained the mechanism on the design of assessment items and the enhancement measures implemented in 2015.