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Panel on Health Services
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Dear Ms Lam,

Panel on Health Services

Patient Safety Management in the Hospital Authority

At the meeting of the Panel on 21 December 2015 on the captioned, the Panel requested that supplementary information be provided on the timeframe for the provision of 24-hour emergency percutaneous coronary intervention service in all hospital clusters. Having consulted the Hospital Authority (HA), our response is set out in the ensuing paragraphs.

2. Increasing the capacity to treat high demand life-threatening diseases like heart disease is one of HA's strategies in service development. To improve access to emergency percutaneous coronary intervention service which is a time critical treatment, HA has piloted by phases to extend the operating hours of the service by four hours to 12 hours in each working day in the regional hospitals of the seven clusters.

3. Emergency percutaneous coronary intervention operation has to be conducted by experienced and competent healthcare team. The availability of sufficient workforce is a pre-requisite for further extending the operating hours of the service. However, given the limited supply of both medical and nursing manpower in the past few years, the existing manpower and skill-mix of the cardiac teams in HA are not ready to provide 24-hour emergency percutaneous coronary intervention service at this stage.

4. Emergency percutaneous coronary intervention is only one of the treatment options for relevant cardiac patients (namely the ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) patients). There are other effective treatment options for STEMI patients such as thrombolysis which is available in all acute hospitals.

5. Looking forward, HA will regularly review the service situation and continue to make the best manpower arrangements to provide and enhance healthcare service for cardiac patients with a view to meeting the service needs and ensuring patient safety.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Food and Health

cc: Chief Executive, HA (Attn: Ms Emily Chan)