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Clerk to Panel on Welfare Services
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central
Hong Kong
(Attn: Mr Colin CHUI)

Dear Mr CHUI,

Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services

Follow-up to Meeting on 18 April 2016

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services held on 18 April 2016, the Government was requested to provide information on the estimated reduction in the elderly poverty rate (after recurrent cash intervention) after the implementation of the simulated “those with financial needs” option set out in the consultation document on retirement protection published by the Commission on Poverty (CoP) on 22 December 2015. Having consulted the Economic Analysis and Business Facilitation Unit of the Financial Secretary’s Office, I am authorised to reply as follows.

Based on the poverty line framework set by the CoP, the Government has to project the distribution of household income, as well as the relevant poverty lines and poverty figures in the next 50 years in order to estimate the poverty alleviation effectiveness of a simulated option (e.g. the simulated “those with financial needs” option). However, it is technically infeasible for the Government to make reliable projections on household income distribution over such a long period of time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'LI Wan-in'.

(Miss LI Wan-in)

for Secretary for Labour and Welfare

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Financial Secretary’s Office
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(Attn: Dr Kelvin WONG)