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Ms Angel WONG
Clerk to Panel
Legislative Council Panel on Education
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Ms WONG,

Panel on Education
Follow-up to the meeting on 26 June 2017

I refer to your letter dated 29 June 2017 regarding issues arising from the captioned meeting, and provide the information concerning the Family Council at the Annex. Please note that the enclosed information is provided by the Home Affairs Bureau.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SO Yuen-yi'.

(Ms SO Yuen-yi)
for Secretary for Education

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Family Council

Established in 2007, the Family Council (the Council) has been serving as a cross-sector and cross-bureau platform for examining family-related policies and promoting a culture of loving families in the community. Subsequent to a review in 2012-13, the Council was re-constituted under a non-official Chairman with effect from 1 April 2013 with a view to strengthening its advisory role. At present, there are 15 non-official members from different backgrounds; three ex-officio members (namely the Chairpersons of the Commission on Youth, Elderly Commission and Women's Commission); and four Government representatives (namely Secretary for Home Affairs, Secretary for Education, Secretary for Labour and Welfare and Head of the Central Policy Unit or their representatives). The current membership and the terms of reference of the Council are attached.

2. The work of the Council mainly includes the following three aspects –
 - (a) advising Government bureaux and departments on the application of family perspectives in the policy formulation process;
 - (b) advocating cherishing the family and promoting family core values as a main driver for social harmony through organising various programmes and activities; and
 - (c) conducting researches and surveys to foster a better understanding of the issues relating to the family.

3. The Council briefs Members of the Panel on Welfare Services on the progress of its work on a biennial basis. Since the previous briefing on 13 June 2016, the Council has continued to collaborate with various sectors in the community to enhance the functions of families and create a pro-family environment.

Family Council Secretariat

July 2017

Membership List of the Family Council
(from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2019)

Chairman

Prof. SHEK Tan-lei, Daniel, SBS, JP

Ex-officio Members

Mr LAU Ming-wai, GBS, JP, Chairperson of the Commission on Youth

Dr LAM Ching-choi, BBS, JP, Chairperson of the Elderly Commission

Mrs LAU KUN Lai-kuen, Stella, SBS, JP, Chairperson of the Women's Commission

Non-official Members

Ms CHAN Suk-mei, May, BBS, JP

Ms CHENG Chi-man, Sonia

Ms CHEUNG Lai-chu

Mrs CHU YEUNG Pak-yu, Patricia, BBS

Prof. LAM Tai-hing, BBS, JP

Mr LEE Luen-fai

Mr LEE Tsz-king, Dominic

Prof. LEUNG Seung-ming, Alvin

Miss TANG Pui-yee, Phoebe, MH

Dr TSUI Luen-on, Gordon, JP

Mrs WONG NG Kit-wah, Cecilia

Miss WONG Siu-ling, Gabriella, MH

Mr WOO Kin-man, Clement

Ms YIP Lai-wa, Emily

Ms YIP Yun-wan, Amarantha

Official Members

Secretary for Home Affairs or his representative

Secretary for Labour and Welfare or his representative

Secretary for Education or his representative

Head of Central Policy Unit or his representative

Secretary

Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (Civic Affairs) 2

Terms of Reference of the Family Council

- (a) To advocate for cherishing the family as a main driver for social harmony; and to promote a family-based support network to forge closer and harmonious relationships amongst family members;
- (b) To advise the Government on the formulation of policies and strategies for supporting and strengthening the family and on development of related programmes/activities; and to monitor their implementation;
- (c) To advise the Government on the integration of family policies and related programmes across different bureaux and departments for individual age and gender sectors to ensure effective coordination;
- (d) To plan/implement programmes and activities for particular age and/or gender sectors; and rationalise the work of the Elderly Commission, the Women's Commission and the Commission on Youth; and
- (e) To initiate research to promote better understanding of matters related to the family as necessary.