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Mr Colin CHUI
Clerk to Panel
Panel on Welfare Services
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Mr CHUI,

**Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services
Follow-up Actions for Meetings on 26 January and 13 February 2017**

At the meetings of the Panel on Welfare Services on 26 January and 13 February 2017, Members requested the Administration to provide respectively the following information –

- (a) the proposed outline of the report on the consultancy study on the long-term development of child care services; and
- (b) the number of street sleepers and the number of homeless people.

As regards (a) above, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) commissioned The University of Hong Kong in December 2016 to conduct a “Consultancy Study on the Long-term Development of Child Care Services” (the Study). The scope of the Study includes taking stock of the existing child care services in Hong Kong and making reference to the experiences in providing child care services in other places. The Study will also conduct in-depth analyses on different aspects of child care services, including objectives; service contents; service targets; financing modes; service models; service models; demand and supply situation; facility planning; and manpower planning and training, etc. It is expected that the Study will take at least one year to complete.

As regards (b) above, SWD has set up a computerised Street Sleepers Registry (SSR) in 1981 to capture street sleepers' particulars and record the services they receive. Both SWD and services units of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) specialised in serving street sleepers, including the three subvented NGOs (i.e. the Salvation Army, St. James' Settlement and the Christian Concern for the Homeless Association) operating the Integrated Services Team for Street Sleepers as well as the Society for Community Organization, have to register newly confirmed street sleeper cases with SSR on a monthly basis, and to de-register cases after confirming that the concerned street sleepers have given up street sleeping. When registering individual street sleepers, service units need to confirm that the concerned persons have been in street sleeping for more than seven days to ensure that the information in SSR can truly reflect the situation of street sleepers in Hong Kong. If individual street sleepers are reluctant to provide some or all of the required information, service units may still register the cases in SSR. As at end of January 2017, the number of registered street sleepers was 916. SWD has not kept the statistical information of homeless persons.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Labour & Welfare

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