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Clerk to Finance Committee
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong
(Attn.: Ms Anita Sit)

Dear Ms Sit,

**Follow-up to
meetings of the Legislative Council Finance Committee
held on 6 and 7 July 2018**

In response to Members' request for supplementary information related to the discussions on Hostel Development Fund (HDF) at the meetings of the Finance Committee (FC) held on 6 and 7 July 2018, the relevant information is set out in the ensuing paragraphs for Members' information.

Proportion of local and Mainland China students

In 2017/18 academic year, the percentages of local students and students from the Mainland China¹ in the University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded sector are 83% and 12% respectively. The remaining 5% are students from other regions.

¹ In respect of UGC-funded sub-degree, undergraduate and taught postgraduate programmes, UGC-funded universities could only admit non-local students by way of over-enrollment.

Number of students staying in publicly-funded hostels places with breakdown by student category

Allocation of student hostel places is a matter within institutional autonomy. Individual UGC-funded university has been devising its own set of allocation criteria having regard to the prevailing circumstances. We understand that, in general, students applying for hostel places are assessed under a transparent scoring system which takes into account factors including the students' daily travelling time, health condition, family status, participation in university activities and other special reasons. In response to Members' request, the UGC Secretariat compiled the following figures based on the information provided by universities in respect of students staying in publicly-funded student hostel places in 2017/18 academic year.

Category of students	Number of students
1. Undergraduate students staying in student hostels for at least one year of study period	18 521 ²
2. Research postgraduate students and non-local students (including exchange students)	15 721
3. Undergraduate students whose daily travelling time exceeds four hours	498

Review of hostel policy

In response to Members' request, the Education Bureau submitted to the Panel on Education on 12 September 2018 supplementary information setting out the review of hostel policy. The relevant information was copied to the FC for information.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Education

c.c. Secretary-General, University Grants Committee
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² Including students staying in student hostel for more than one year. Students being allocated hostel places due to other reasons, e.g. health condition, family status, participation in university activities, are also included.