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Ms Wendy JAN
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1 Legislative Council Road
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Dear Ms JAN,

**Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services
Follow-up Actions for Special Meeting on 19 July 2018**

At the special meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services held on 19 July 2018, Members requested the Government to provide information on the progress of the provision of social welfare facilities or the provision of welfare services for persons with intellectual disabilities in several designated locations or building. The information sought is at **Annex**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Cheung'.

(Ms Rebecca CHEUNG)
for Secretary for Labour and Welfare

c.c. Director of Social Welfare (Attn.: Ms Loletta LO)

(a) Progress of the provision of social welfare facilities in Kwai Chung Estate, On Tat Estate, On Tai Estate, Lai Tak Tsuen, the ex-Mong Kok Market site and the Eastern District (including the Joint-user building at Lei King Road)

Progress of the provision of social welfare facilities	
Kwai Chung Estate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At present, there are a sub-base of a subvented Neighbourhood Elderly Centre (NEC) and a self-financing elderly services centre in Kwai Chung Estate situated in Kwai Tsing District. • To meet the service needs of the Kwai Tsing District, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the Housing Department (HD) have planned to set up an NEC in the new public housing development at Tai Wo Hau Road. The relevant works will commence as soon as possible after the completion of an ongoing judicial review against the concerned draft Outline Zoning Plan. The SWD will continue to liaise with the HD to meet the service needs of the residents.
On Tat Estate and On Tai Estate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NEC and the Integrated Children and Youth Services Centre in On Tat Estate commenced service in July and December 2017 respectively. • The On Tai Estate Ancillary Facilities Block provides the following welfare facilities for the elderly and persons with disabilities – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Day Activity Centre (DAC) cum Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons (HSMH); (ii) Special Child Care Centre (SCCC) cum Early Education and Training Centre (EETC); (iii) Residential Care Home for the Elderly cum Day Care Unit for the Elderly; (iv) Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre; (v) Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons; (vi) Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons; and (vii) Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons (C&A/SD). <p>The above facilities have progressively commenced operation since August 2019.</p>
Lai Tak Tsuen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are elderly, youth and school social work services operated under the SWD's subvention in Lai Tak Tsuen.
The ex-Mong Kok Market site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ex-Mong Kok Market site was originally zoned "Government, Institution or Community" (GIC) on the Outline Zoning Plan. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department closed the market in end-2009 in view of its low usage. The Planning Department sought views from the concerned government departments on the use of the site. It was agreed that it would be more suitable for the site to be converted to commercial development with the provision of a Community Health Centre (CHC). The Town Planning Board agreed in 2011 to rezone the subject site from "GIC" to "Commercial (3)" with the requirement of provision of a CHC therein.

Progress of the provision of social welfare facilities

The SWD intends to include welfare facilities in various development projects under planning in the Eastern District, with details as follows –

- District library and residential care home for the elderly (RCHE) in the joint user complex at Lei King Road

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the SWD plan to develop a joint-user complex on a Government site at Lei King Road, Sai Wan Ho, to provide a district library and a 200-place RCHE. Having conducted local consultation, the Government consulted the Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Home Affairs on the project on 29 April 2019, and the project was endorsed by the LegCo Public Works Subcommittee on 4 December 2019. Subject to the funding approval by the Finance Committee of the LegCo, the construction of the project will commence in mid-2020 and be completed by 2023 at the earliest.

- Health centre and social welfare facilities building in Siu Sai Wan

The Food and Health Bureau, Department of Health and the SWD plan to develop a health centre and social welfare facilities building at Siu Sai Wan Road, Siu Sai Wan, which is adjacent to the Siu Sai Wan Complex. The social welfare facilities include a 100-place RCHE, a 60-place Day Care Centre for the Elderly (DE), an NEC sub-base and a 40-place Supported Hostel for Mentally Handicapped Persons. The Government has completed local consultation and plans to submit a funding proposal to the LegCo for approval in late 2020.

- Private development at ex-North Point Estate site

The developer is required under the land sale conditions to construct an Integrated Family Service Centre, an SCCC, an EETC, a District Support Centre for Persons with Disabilities and a DE in the private development at the site of ex-North Point Estate. The works of the project are in progress and are scheduled for completion by end-2020.

- Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme development at Chai Wan Road

The SWD and the HD have reached an agreement to provide an NEC sub-base in the Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme development at Chai Wan Road. The works of the project commenced in 2018 and are scheduled for completion in 2021-22.

The Eastern District (including the joint-user building at Lei King Road)

(b) Provision of welfare services for persons with intellectual disabilities in the North District

The SWD has all along been liaising with government departments concerned and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to set up or increase the provision of welfare facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities in suitable development projects. The SWD has been exploring with NGOs operating rehabilitation services in the North District the provision of additional places through feasible means, such as in-situ expansion, setting up of sub-base in suitable premises, etc. In addition, the SWD has reserved premises in new development areas

(NDAs) in the North District for the provision of welfare facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities, including the purpose-built Multi-welfare Services Complex in Area 29 of KTN NDA, in which a C&A/SD and a DAC cum HSMH will be incorporated. Besides, there are applicant NGOs under the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses proposing to increase their service capacities of welfare facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities through expansion or redevelopment of sites in the North District.

(c) Update on RCHEs in Dills Corner Garden

There are currently 15 private RCHEs in the Dills Corner Garden (DCG) with around 940 elderly residents. Located in the area of the Advance Works of the KTN NDA, the DCG will be cleared in two phases. The first-phase clearance affecting four RCHEs (with about 170 residents) will tentatively take place in the second quarter of 2020. The second-phase clearance, covering the remaining RCHEs, will tentatively be conducted in 2023. The Government undertook at the LegCo Panel on Welfare Services (the Panel) meeting of 12 May 2014 that utmost effort would be made to assist the affected residents. Measures stipulated in the Panel paper have progressively been put into place over the past few years, including the advancement of land resumption and proceeding with the related works to ensure that the Multi-welfare Services Complex (the Complex) to be constructed in the vicinity of the DCG at Area 29 of KTN NDA would commence operation in 2023 (i.e. before the second-phase clearance) for the provision of 1 750 residential care places for the elderly, which is sufficient to accommodate all residents affected by the clearance.

With a view to letting the residents and their family members fully understand the impact of the clearance and the assistance offered by the Government, the SWD directly distributed a letter to the affected residents in October 2019 through its Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly. An enquiry hotline was also set up by the SWD on 3 October 2019. In short, the SWD will assist any residents affected by the first-phase clearance who wish to continue to live in DCG to move to RCHEs in DCG which are not affected by the first-phase clearance. All residents currently living in RCHEs in the DCG, regardless of their age and physical condition, will be arranged to move to the Complex after completion of the registration process of the Government.

The Government set up an inter-departmental working group in 2014 to serve as a liaison platform between government departments and all RCHE operators in DCG. In the 7th meeting of the inter-departmental working group held on 3 October 2019, the SWD briefed the operators on the latest progress of the clearance and the assistance offered by the Government to the affected residents.

With the interest of the elderly residents in mind, we look forward to the co-operation of RCHE operators in DCG by allowing the SWD social workers to meet with affected residents to devise the relocation plans.