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Ms Wendy JAN
Clerk to Panel on Welfare Services
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central
Hong Kong

Dear Ms JAN,

**Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services
Follow-up to Meeting on 11 February 2019**

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services on 11 February 2019, the Government was requested to provide supplementary information on the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme. I am authorised to reply as follows.

Employment assistance service for able-bodied adult CSSA recipients aged between 60 and 64

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned non-governmental organisations to assist in implementing the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) under the CSSA Scheme. The aim is to provide appropriate support and training for able-bodied adult CSSA recipients, with a view to helping them secure paid employment and achieve self-reliance. SWD has begun to invite unemployed able-bodied adult CSSA recipients aged between 60 and 64 to participate in the IEAPS since March 2019. The consent form for accepting the invitation is at the **Annex** for Members' reference.

Number of cases involving CSSA recipients residing in Hong Kong for less than seven years

Following the judgment handed down by the Court of Final Appeal on the judicial review regarding the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme, SWD restored the “one-year residence requirement”, which was in effect before 1 January 2004, on 17 December 2013. As in the past, persons aged below 18 are exempted from the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme. From 2013-14 to 2017-18, the number of CSSA cases involving recipients aged 18 or above who had resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years is as follows:

Year	No. of CSSA cases involving recipients aged 18 or above residing in Hong Kong for less than seven years
2013-14	8 463
2014-15	11 432
2015-16	11 468
2016-17	10 518
2017-18	9 935

SWD does not maintain information on the number of non-CSSA households which applied for CSSA because of additional family members who had resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years.

Special grants under the CSSA Scheme

The CSSA Scheme aims to provide a safety net for families that cannot support themselves financially owing to old age, sickness, disability, single-parenthood, unemployment and low-earnings, etc. so as to help them meet their basic needs. SWD disburses standard rates, supplements and special grants to CSSA cases according to their respective number of family members as well as the needs of individual members. SWD does not maintain statistics on the cases in which the Director of Social Welfare had exercised discretion in disbursing special grants.

Yours sincerely,



(Miss Heidi IP)

for Secretary for Labour and Welfare

cc.
Director of Social Welfare

(Attn: Miss Rita LAU)

**Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme
Agreement for Receiving Employment Assistance Services
(applicable to able-bodied CSSA recipients aged 60 to 64)**

SWD Case Ref.: _____ -C-
Service Recipient No.: _____

1. I _____ (Hong Kong Identity Card No. _____), is invited to receive the following employment assistance services provided by the non-governmental organisation:
 - (i) conduct interview once in every two months to assess the needs and provide tailor-made employment assistance services;
 - (ii) provide up-to-date information on the labour market and arrange job matching;
 - (iii) assist to develop individual action plan to seek employment;
 - (iv) provide post-employment support for at least three months;
 - (v) provide supporting services by social workers; and
 - (vi) refer to other welfare services where needed.
2. I acknowledge and understand the content of the services above and I am willing to receive the employment assistance services.
3. I have read the "Personal Information Collection Statement" at the last page and understand its content.

Signature/thumbprint
of service recipient : _____
Date : _____

Signature of witness: _____
Name & rank of witness: _____
Name of Operating
Agency: _____
Date: _____

* Please delete where inappropriate.

Personal Information Collection Statement

Please read this notice before you provide any personal data¹ to **(Name of non-governmental organisation)**

Purposes of Collection

1. The personal data supplied by you will be used by **(Name of non-governmental organisation)** to provide you and/or your family members with assistance or service from our organisation which is relevant to the needs of you and/or your family members, including but not limited to monitoring and reviewing of services, handling complaints related to the services provided to you and/or your family members, conducting research and surveys, preparing statistics and discharging statutory duties. The provision of personal data to **(Name of non-governmental organisation)** is voluntary. However, if you fail to provide the personal data requested of you, we may not be able to process your application or provide assistance/service to you and/or your family members.

Classes of Transferees

2. The personal data you provide will be made available to persons working in **(Name of non-governmental organisation)** on a need-to-know basis. Apart from this, they may be disclosed to the parties or in the circumstances listed below for the purposes mentioned in paragraph 1 above –

- (a) Other parties such as government bureaux/departments, the Hospital Authority, non-governmental organisations and public utility companies **if** they are involved in:
 - (i) processing and/or assessing any application from you and/or your family members for the provision of service/assistance to you and/or your family members by our organisation mentioned in paragraph 1 above;
 - (ii) the provision of service/assistance to you and/or your family members by our organisation mentioned in paragraph 1 above; or
 - (iii) monitoring and reviewing of the services provided by our organisation mentioned in paragraph 1 above or preparing statistics;
- (b) Complaint handling authorities such as government bureaux/departments, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, the Social Workers Registration Board, the Legislative Council, etc. if they are handling complaints about the services or assistance provided to you and/or your family members by our organisation;
- (c) Where such disclosure is authorised or required by law; or
- (d) Where you have given your prescribed consent to such disclosure.

Access to Personal Data

3. You have the right to request access to and correction of your personal data held by our organisation in accordance with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, Cap 486. A fee may be charged for supplying copies of personal data. Requests for access to and correction of personal data collected by our organisation should be addressed to –

Post title: **(Officer-in-charge of non-governmental organisation)**

Address:

¹ Under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, Cap. 486, personal data means any data –
(a) relating directly or indirectly to a living individual;
(b) from which it is practicable for the identity of the individual to be directly or indirectly ascertained; and
(c) in a form in which access to or processing of the data is practicable.