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Legislative Council Complex  
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Dear Ms JAN,

**Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services  
Follow-up of the meeting on 11 March 2019**

At the meeting of the Panel on Welfare Services on 11 March 2019, Members requested the Government to provide information on the following

- (a) status and outcome of the 30 outstanding applications for relocation allowance under the Pilot Scheme on Relocation Allowance for Beneficiaries of the Community Housing Movement (Pilot Scheme);
- (b) reasons for rejecting applications for relocation allowance under the Pilot Scheme, if any; and
- (c) reasons why the amounts of relocation allowance under the Pilot Scheme and those under the programme “Relocation Allowance for Residents of Illegal Domestic Premises in Industrial Buildings who Have to Move out as a result of the Buildings Department’s Enforcement Action” launched by the Community Care Fund (CCF) were higher than the amount of domestic removal grant under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme.

2. As regards (a) and (b) above, as at end January 2019, a total of 210 applications were received under the Pilot Scheme, with 180 applications were vetted to be eligible and were granted the relocation allowance. For the remaining 30 applications, 15 applications were vetted to be eligible and pending payment of relocation allowance; 9 applications were under vetting; 5 applications were withdrawn upon receipt of other funding for the same relocation; and 1 application was rejected due to the family income exceeding the eligibility limit.

3. As regards (c) above, considering their similar beneficiaries, including those living in undesirable accommodation and low income households to settle the removal expenses, the amount of relocation allowance of the Pilot Scheme is similar to "Relocation Allowance for Residents of Illegal Domestic Premises in Industrial Buildings who Have to Move out as a result of the Buildings Department's Enforcement Action", which is another programme under the CCF. Under the Pilot Scheme, each eligible household will receive a one-off relocation allowance from the Social Welfare Department (SWD) according to its household size. The amount of allowance is \$3,076 for a one-person household, \$7,028 for a two-to-three-person household and \$9,263 for a four-or-more-person household. The SWD will conduct an evaluation on the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme, including the amount of relocation allowance upon its completion.

4. The CSSA Scheme provides a safety net to meet the basic needs of those who cannot support themselves financially because of old age, disabilities, illnesses, single parenthood, unemployment and low income, etc. Regarding the domestic removal grant, the amount ranges from about \$2,000 to \$20,000 depending on the number of eligible elderly persons, disabled persons or personally medically certified to be in ill-health in the CSSA households and the type of accommodations (i.e. private housing or public rental housing). Apart from the domestic removal grant, it is noteworthy that the CSSA Scheme also provides supplements and special grants, such as the rent deposit, to eligible recipients. Since the purposes for the pilot scheme and CSSA Scheme are different, we should not directly compare the design and details of the two schemes.

Yours sincerely,



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