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By Email

2 March 2020

Hon CHAN Kin-por
Chairman, Legislative Council Finance Committee
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Chairman,

Concerns about the “Anti-epidemic Fund”

I refer to Dr Hon Fernando Cheung’s letter dated 20 February 2020 to you, requesting the Government to provide a written reply to his concerns about the “Anti-epidemic Fund”. Regarding the question on the home quarantine support measure in paragraph 3.1, our response is set out below.

To meet the needs for the monitoring work under compulsory quarantine, the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer has been providing support to the Department of Health (DH) to establish the required information technology system to verify the locations of persons under quarantine through electronic wristbands paired with smartphones and geo-fencing technology applications. In the event that a person under quarantine leaves home with the wristband, damages the wristband, disconnects the smartphone from power source, or attempts to leave home with the smartphone, DH and the Police will be notified immediately to follow up. The smartphones concerned will only be used for home quarantine support. Depending on the number of family members under quarantine in each family, each smartphone can pair with more than one electronic wristband.

Having regard to the operational experience in the past and the latest anti-epidemic arrangements, we expect there are, on average, two persons in each family under home quarantine and the number of people under home quarantine in any period could exceed 17 000. Therefore, we proposed a funding of \$40 million to procure 10 000 smartphones and 20 000 electronic wristbands to meet the operational needs for home quarantine.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eva Yam', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

(Eva YAM)

for Secretary for Innovation and Technology