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Miss Betty MA Clerk to Panel on Security Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong

Dear Miss MA,

Legislative Council Panel on Security Follow-up to the Meeting on 7 July 2020

At the Legislative Council Panel on Security meeting on 7 July 2020, the Government was requested to provide the following information –

- (a) the figure of seizure of cannabis and its related products brought to Hong Kong by tourists; and
- (b) the comparison of proportion of students among reported young drug abusers aged under 21 between first and second half of 2019.

For (a) above, according to the figures of the Customs and Excise Department, the number of non-Hong Kong residents arrested at boundary control points in 2019 for cannabis-related drug offences is 14, with the seizure of a total amount of 32.2 kilograms of cannabis.

For (b) above, according to the figures from the Central Registry of Drug

Abuse (CRDA), for the whole year of 2019, the proportion of students among reported drug abusers aged under 21 who indicated their activity status¹ was 26%. Such proportion in the first and second halves of 2019 were 27% and 24% respectively.

Yours sincerely,

(Chris NG)

for Commissioner for Narcotics

¹ Drug abusers reported to CRDA who did not indicate their activity status have been excluded in the calculation.