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Dear Ms LAM,

Finance Committee
Follow-up Action for the Meeting on 21 December 2020:
Number of applications pending disbursement of subsidies under
various relief measures/subsidy schemes of the third-round Anti-
epidemic Fund

Regarding Member's request raised at the Finance Committee on 21 December 2020 on the provision of the number of applications pending disbursement of subsidies under various relief measures/subsidy schemes of the third-round Anti-epidemic Fund, the implementation progress of the relevant measures and the number of application pending processing are set out at **Enclosure** for members' information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Au Yeung'.

(Nick Au Yeung)

For Chief Secretary for Administration

Implementation progress of measures providing relief to sectors and individuals hard hit by the epidemic and directly affected by the Government's anti-epidemic and social distancing measures under the third-round Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF)

(Position as at end-December 2020)

	Measures	Implementation Progress	No. of applications pending processing
1.	Catering Business Subsidy Scheme	<p><u>Licensed food premises</u> The application period ended on 12 November 2020, with 15 416 applications received. As at end-December 2020, 14 940 applications were approved and \$1,382 million disbursed.</p>	149
		<p><u>Cooked food/light refreshment stall tenants in Food and Environmental Hygiene Department markets and tenants holding Fixed Pitch (Cooked Food or Light Refreshment) licences operating in public housing developments</u> The application period ended on 9 November 2020, with 946 applications received. All applications were approved and a total of \$23.65 million of subsidy were disbursed. This part of the scheme has completed.</p>	0
2.	Tourism Industry Support Scheme	A total of around \$356 million of subsidy were disbursed to some 1 570 travel agents and 21 000 eligible practitioners (including travel agents' staff, freelance accredited tourist guides and tour escorts whose main	0 ²

² The processing of applications from a small number of travel agents and their employees are withheld pending criminal investigation by the Police for suspected conspiracy to defraud.

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		occupations are tourist guides and tour escorts, and drivers of tour service coaches mainly serving tourists) ¹ .	
3.	Subsidy Scheme for Beauty Parlours, Massage Establishments and Party Rooms (Second Round)	The application period ended on 1 November 2020, with approximately 10 000 applications received. As of end-December 2020, about 7 040 applications were approved, involving some \$175.5 million in subsidies.	2 160
4.	Subsidy Scheme for the Transport and Aviation Sector	<u>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$15,000 to registered owners of non-franchised public buses, school private light buses and hire cars</u> As at end-December 2020, the vetting of 1 704 applications were completed, of which 1 004 applications were approved, with around \$72.47 million of subsidy disbursed to the registered owners of 3 037 non-franchised public buses, 1 375 school private light buses and 419 hire cars. The subsidy of the remaining applications will be disbursed by the end of January 2021.	11
		<u>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$500,000 for each eligible cross-boundary ferry vessel</u> The notification letters had been issued to 4 eligible cross-boundary operators in mid-October 2020 asking them to provide relevant information of the ferry vessels on or before 27 October 2020 for	1

¹ For eligible travel agents, travel agents' staff and freelance accredited tourist guides and tour escorts who have received subsidy under the Travel Agents and Practitioners Support Scheme under the second-round AEF, as well as eligible tour service coach drivers who have received subsidy under the Tour Service Coach Drivers (Mainly Serving Tourists) Support Scheme of the second-round AEF, no application is required. For eligible travel agents and travel agents' staff who have not applied for subsidy under the Travel Agents and Practitioners Support Scheme of the second-round AEF, they are required to submit an application on or before 27 October 2020.

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		<p>verification. A total \$40 million of subsidy were disbursed to eligible operators/owners for the 80 cross-boundary ferries involved in the applications in November 2020.</p> <p>In addition, the AEF Steering Committee subsequently agreed to grant the subsidy to the cross-boundary ferry operator serving the Sky Pier at the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA). Marine Department has issued notification letter to the eligible operator of the Sky Pier at HKIA on 30 December 2020 to inform them of the details of the subsidy scheme. It is expected that the subsidy will be disbursed within a month after verification of the applications received.</p>	
		<p><u>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$500,000 per large aircraft and \$100,000 per small aircraft registered by Air Operator's Certificate holders in Hong Kong</u></p> <p>The application period ended on 22 October 2020, with 4 applications received. All applications were approved, and \$16 million of subsidy were disbursed to the target beneficiaries, involving 36 aircraft registered in Hong Kong. The scheme has completed.</p>	0
		<p><u>One-off non-accountable subsidy of up to \$1.5 million to aviation support services operators at the Hong Kong International Airport</u></p> <p>The application period ended on 30 October 2020, with 27 applications received. All applications were received and approved, and \$27.5 million of subsidy were disbursed to the target beneficiaries. The scheme has completed.</p>	0

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5.	One-off Relief Grant to Providers of Catering Services for Schools and Post-Secondary Education Institutions and Providers of Interest Classes and School Bus Services for Schools	<u>Catering Outlets (Primary and Secondary Schools)</u> The application period ended on 9 November 2020, with 749 applications received. 747 applications were approved, involving \$29.88 million of subsidy. The scheme has completed.	0
		<u>Catering outlets (Post-secondary Education Institutions)</u> The application period ended on 22 October 2020, with 144 applications received. 143 applications were approved, involving \$5.72 million of subsidy. The scheme has completed.	0
		<u>Lunchbox Suppliers</u> The application period ended on 9 November 2020, with 887 applications received. As at end-December 2020, 886 applications were approved, involving \$4.4 million of subsidy. Payment of subsidy to eligible applicants is expected to be completed by January 2021.	1
		<u>School Bus Service Providers</u> The application period ended on 9 November 2020, with 9 557 applications received. As of end-December 2020, 7 794 applications were approved, involving some \$52.15 million of subsidy. Payment of subsidy to eligible applicants is expected to be completed by January 2021.	1 760
		<u>School Instructors of Learning/Interest Classes</u> The application period ended on 6 November 2020, with 22 572 applications received. As at end-December 2020, 22 544 applications	12

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		were approved, involving about \$112.7 million. Payment to eligible applicants is expected to be completed by mid-January 2021.	
6.	Support for Child Care Centres	The Social Welfare Department has issued letters on 30 September 2020 to 555 aided and non-aided Child Care Centres (CCCs) inviting their application for the four-month special grant. The support scheme was completed upon the final disbursement on 24 December 2020. A total of 547 CCCs including 258 aided and 289 non-aided CCCs received the grant. The total expenditure was \$122.65 million. The measure has completed.	0
7.	Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme	The application period ended on 18 November 2020, with 1 642 applications received. As at end-December 2020, 450 applications were approved, with \$22.5 million of subsidy disbursed.	1 192
8.	One-off Grant to Kindergartens (KGs) and Private Schools	<u>Kindergartens</u> The Education Bureau (EDB) issued letters to all kindergartens on 5 October 2020 informing them of the details of the one-off grant under the third round of AEF. No application is required. A total amount of \$59.87 million was disbursed to 755 Scheme-KGs and 261 Non-Scheme KGs. The measure has completed.	0
		<u>Private Schools</u> Application is not required for this measure. Arrangements were made for payment to 156 schools, involving \$6.24 million of subsidy. The measure has completed.	0

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9.	One-off Grant to Private Schools Offering Non-formal Curriculum	The application period ended on 23 October 2020, with 2 315 applications received. As at end-December 2020, 2 274 applications were approved, involving about \$45.48 million. Payment to eligible applicants is largely completed by December 2020.	2
10.	One-off Grant to Registered Sports Coaches	The application period closed on 30 November 2020, with 10 160 applications received. As at end-December 2020, 9 221 eligible applications were approved and around \$46.1 million were disbursed.	623
11.	Club-house Subsidy Scheme	The application period ended on 30 October 2020, with 542 applications received. All applications were approved, and \$32.9 million of subsidy were disbursed to the applicants. The scheme has completed.	0
12.	Sports Premises Subsidy Scheme	The application period closed on 30 November 2020, with 126 applications received. As at end-December 2020, 26 applications were approved, with \$0.78 million of subsidy disbursed.	100
13.	Scheme on Relief Grants for Interest Class Instructors Hired by Subvented Non-governmental Welfare Organisations	The application period ended on 16 December 2020, with 3 498 applications received. As at end-December 2020, 3 162 applications were approved, involving a total of \$15.81 million of subsidy.	336

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14.	Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme - Subsidy to individual arts practitioners and freelancers	A total amount of \$20.93 million has been transferred to the Hong Kong Arts Development Council and the Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong (Barwo) for further disbursement to eligible individual arts practitioners and freelancers starting from November 2020.	0 ³
15.	Places of Public Entertainment Licence (PPEL) Holder Subsidy Scheme	The application period ended on 9 November 2020, with 162 PPEL applications and 324 Temporary PPEL (TPPEL) applications received. As at end-December 2020, 160 PPEL applications and 269 TPPEL applications were approved, involving a total of \$10.69 million of subsidy.	31 ⁴
16.	Amusement Game Centres Subsidy Scheme	The application period ended on 9 November 2020, with 241 applications received. All 232 eligible applications were approved and a total of \$11.6 million of subsidy were disbursed. The scheme has completed.	0
17.	Cinemas Subsidy Scheme	The application period ended on 20 October 2020. All the cinemas had submitted applications, among which applications from seven eligible cinema circuits (covering 51 cinemas) and eight standalone cinemas were approved, involving a total subsidy amount of about \$9.8 million. Subsidy has been disbursed to all successful applicants except one eligible cinema which is under renovation.	1

³ 3 766 individual arts practitioners and freelancers who received subsidy in earlier rounds of AEF subsidy scheme will automatically be eligible for this subsidy.

⁴ Including 2 PPEL applications and 29 TPPEL applications.

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18.	Provision of subsidy to companies in the performing industry which organise pop concerts	The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) signed an agreement with the Performing Industry Association (PIA) on the disbursement of subsidy on 23 December 2020. PIA is now preparing to receive relevant funding from HAB for disbursement to 70 eligible companies.	N/A
19.	Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme - Rental support for tenants of Arts Spaces and Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre	The rental waiver concerned has commenced in October 2020 until March 2021.	N/A
20.	Sports and Recreational Sites Subsidy Scheme	The application period ended on 16 November 2020, with 74 applications received. 73 applications were approved and a total of \$3.65 million of subsidy were disbursed to eligible applicants. The scheme has completed.	0
21.	Mahjong/Tin Kau Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme	The application period ended on 9 November 2020, with 65 applications received. All of them were approved, involving a total of \$3.25 million of subsidy. The scheme has completed.	0
22.	Places of Amusement Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme	The application period ended on 9 November 2020, with 57 applications received and approved. A total of \$2.85 million were disbursed to eligible licence holders. The scheme has completed.	0
23.	Further Subsidy to Commercial Bathhouses	The application period ended on 9 November 2020, with 46 applications received, all of which were approved, involving a total of \$2.3 million of subsidy. The scheme has completed.	0