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Ms Anita SIT  
Clerk to the Legislative Council Finance Committee  
Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road, Central  
Hong Kong

Dear Ms SIT,

**Legislative Council Finance Committee**  
**Follow-up Reply to the Briefing by the Financial Secretary and the Secretary**  
**for Financial Services and the Treasury on the 2021-2022 Budget**  
**on 25 February 2021**

At the captioned briefing, members requested the Administration to provide supplementary information on the administrative expenses of the Consumption Voucher Scheme. Our reply is as follows.

When preparing the budget for the Consumption Voucher Scheme, the Government has set aside about \$600 million to meet administrative expenses. These include increasing staff in different departments to assist in preparing and implementing the Scheme, setting up related computer systems and other ancillary facilities, paying service fees to assisting agencies (e.g. operators of stored value

facilities), setting up enquiry hotlines, conducting publicity and promotion, etc. The Government is taking forward in full swing the preparatory work, including identifying suitable operators of stored value facilities and discussing further the implementation details as well as the expenditure involved. Therefore, the present budget for administrative expenses is only a very rough estimate. In implementing the Scheme, we will use public funds carefully based on actual requirements and strive to reduce administrative expenses as far as possible.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ricky Chong', written in a cursive style.

( Ricky CHONG )

for Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

c.c.: Administrative Assistant to Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury  
Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Attn: Ms Rico TAM)