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Clerk to Public Accounts Committee, Legislative Council Complex, 1 Legislative Council Road, Central, Hong Kong (Attn: Ms Wendy JAN)

Dear Ms JAN,

Public Accounts Committee Consideration of Chapter 2 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 76 Education support measures for non-Chinese speaking students

Your letter to the Secretary for Education dated 1 June 2021 on the captioned subject was well received. Please find the English version of our response to the question set out in the Appendix of your letter.

For enquiries, please contact the undersigned on 3509 8505.

Yours sincerely,

(Benjamin YUNG)

for Secretary for Education

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Consideration of Chapter 2 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 76 Education support measures for non-Chinese speaking students Questions and information request

Response from the Education Bureau (EDB)

1) According to EDB's response to Question 14(c) of Appendix 2, EDB will continue to liaise with schools, the Hong Kong Association of Career Masters and Guidance Masters and related organisations/associations to explore whether there are other potential service providers to provide life planning education services for NCS students. However, according to the website of the Hong Kong Association of Career Masters and Guidance Masters and related information, its service is obviously focused on students of mainstream schools and it may not have the ability, experience and enthusiasm to provide service for NCS students. Would EDB please tell "the related organisations/associations" that EDB has contacted before and whether EDB will take the initiative to contact relevant foreign consulates, chambers of commerce, clansmen/expatriates associations to search for or solicit more suitable service providers?

EDB's response

EDB will continue to liaise with schools and relevant organisations/associations (including but not limited to the Hong Kong Association of Career Masters and Guidance Masters) to explore whether there are other potential service providers to provide life planning education services for NCS students. The Association, composed of front-line school career guidance teachers (including those from schools with high intake of NCS students), has knowledge and understanding of the service providers that are experienced in providing life planning education services to secondary schools. The Association can provide advice and assistance to EDB on expanding the invitation list of potential service providers. Moreover, EDB has contacted schools with high intake of NCS students to seek information of existing service providers in providing life planning education services for NCS students. EDB will also liaise with related organisations/associations (e.g. non-governmental organisations, relevant foreign consulates, chambers of commerce, clansmen/expatriates associations, etc.) to identify other suitable potential service providers.

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^{*}Note by Clerk, PAC: See Appendix 7 to this Report for the Education Bureau's response.