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Dear Miss AU,

**Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to Animal Rights
The Government's Response to Follow-up Actions
Raised by the Subcommittee**

Thank you for the Secretariat's letters dated 25 June and 30 June 2021. Regarding the matters raised by Members at the Subcommittee meeting on 22 June 2021, the Government's response is set out as follows.

Participation in the continuing professional development ("CPD") scheme for veterinary surgeons is voluntary in Hong Kong. The Veterinary Surgeons Board ("the Board") encourages all registered veterinary surgeons with a practising certificate ("practising veterinary surgeons") to comply with the CPD requirement so that their professional competency is up-to-date. A practising veterinary surgeon may apply for a certificate from the Board every two years certifying that he or she has met the CPD requirement in a 2-year reporting cycle (i.e. having obtained a minimum of 40 credit points from acceptable CPD activities over 2 years). In the past two years, about 5% of practising veterinary surgeons have applied for and were awarded a certificate. Since practising veterinary surgeons are not obliged to apply for a certificate,

the actual ratio of practising veterinary surgeons meeting the requirement would be higher than the aforementioned ratio.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed]

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for Secretary for Food and Health