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Ms Lilian MOK
Clerk to Panel on Welfare Services
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
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Dear Ms MOK,

**Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services
Follow-up to Meeting on 23 November 2020**

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services on 23 November 2020, the Government was requested to provide supplementary information on the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme. I am authorised to reply as follows.

As stated in the 'Chief Executive's 2020 Policy Address', the CSSA Scheme has all along served its function as a safety net effectively. With the local unemployment rate continuing to rise since late 2019, the number of CSSA unemployment cases has also increased. Over the past 12 months (as at end-November 2020), the total number of CSSA unemployment cases has recorded a 54% increase, which shows that the CSSA Scheme is generally regarded as a safety net by the unemployed during the epidemic and economic downturn.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not maintain information on the number of CSSA applications rejected or withdrawn

under category of unemployment cases and the respective reasons for the rejection and withdrawal. The number of unemployed CSSA recipients by occupation as at end-December 2019 is at Annex. It is worth noting that the individual needs and circumstances of each CSSA applicant are different. SWD will continue to serve those in need and provide various social welfare services for them. The Government believes that most of the unemployed CSSA recipients are only in need of temporary assistance to tide over the difficulties. During this difficult time, the society should lend a helping hand to those in financial needs by providing them with basic assistance.

Yours sincerely,



(Miss Heidi IP)

for Secretary for Labour and Welfare

cc.
Director of Social Welfare
(Attn: Miss CHAN Sau-ying, Mandy)

Annex**The number of unemployed CSSA recipients
by occupation in 2019-20**

Occupation	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Cleaner	218
Clerk	10
Construction worker/ labourer/fitting-out worker	21
Delivery worker	91
Domestic helper/baby sitter	62
Driver	41
General worker/labourer (other than those engaging in construction works)	312
Salesperson	63
Waiter/waitress	72
Watchman/guard	21
Others	358
Jobless	12 307
Total	13 576