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Dear Ms LAM,

**Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services
Follow-up Meeting on 8 March 2021**

The Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services discussed the “Long-term planning for provision of child care services” at its meeting on 8 March 2021. Members requested the Government to provide supplementary information on the item and our response is set out as follows.

- (a) **The number of service places, the number of children served and the service demand under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project in 2020-2021, with a breakdown by district**

The number of service places and children served under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) in 2020-21 by the 18 districts are set out at **Annex I**.

- (b) **The detailed implementation timetable for the re-engineering of the 19 Mutual Help Child Care Centres by phases**

The Mutual Help Child Care Centres (MHCCCs) are run by Non-

Government Organisations on a fee-charging and self-financing basis, providing a flexible form of child care service for children under three (children under six may also use the service if needed). To complement the local needs and optimise the use of resources, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented in phases to re-engineer 19 MHCCCs across the territory from 2021-22 to provide After School Care Programme for pre-primary children and increase social workers and supporting staff, so as to better meet the child care needs in the community. At present, four MHCCCs have been re-engineered.

(c) In respect of the provision of child care centre (CCC) places,

(i) the respective numbers of aided and private CCCs and service places provided by these CCCs, with a breakdown by district

The number of places and centres of aided and non-profit-making/private CCCs (including standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs)) are set out at **Annex II**.

(ii) A breakdown by year and district of the 900-odd aided CCC places to provide in 10 CCCs in the coming three to four years

The 900 service places in ten aided standalone CCCs to be set up in the coming three to four years are set out at **Annex III**.

(iii) the projected demand for aided CCC places in 2031, with a breakdown by district, and the concrete plan for meeting the demand

For the long-term planning of child care services, the Government has made reference to the planning ratio to provide 100 service places for children aged below three for every 25 000 general population. This planning ratio mainly applies to new residential development areas with a view to reserving suitable premises for operation of CCCs. For developed areas, on top of making reference to the ratio, SWD would also take into account the child care service provision in the districts and factors including the service utilisation rate, ratio of aided to non-aided CCCs, number of CCC places, district land supply, as well as service demand arising from demographic changes of respective districts, etc.

- (d) a breakdown by phase and district of the 1 000 additional long full day child care service places to be provided in phases from 2021-2022 through the purchase of premises scheme**

SWD would purchase suitable premises to provide a total of 2 800 aided standalone CCC places through Purchase of Premises for Provision of Welfare Facilities. The estimated service places by districts are as set out at **Annex IV**.

- (e) Statistics on the current demand and supply of aided child care services (with a tabulated breakdown by service type and district) and the concrete plan of the Administration to address the shortfall, if any, in the next five years**

The current number of places and the average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, aided CCCs attached to KGs, Extended Hours Service (EHS) and Occasional Child Care Service (OCCS) are set out at **Annex V**.

Other than the places set out at **Annex III** and at **Annex IV**, the Government has made reference to the planning ratio of 100 aided CCC places for every 25 000 general population to reserve premises for additional aided standalone CCCs through various development projects (such as the Land Sale Programme, the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses, public housing development or redevelopment projects, urban renewal developments, etc.). Examples include the new development at Kai Tak Area and the housing development project at Wang Chiu Road and Lei Yue Mun Estate of Kwun Tong, as well as San Kwai Street of Kwai Tsing, etc.

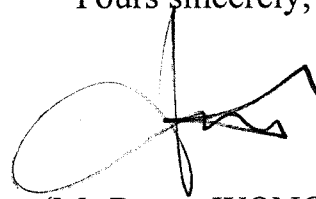
- (f) A Strength-Weakness-Opportunity-Threat Analysis in relation to the long-term planning for the provision of child care services**

In December 2016, the Government commissioned The University of Hong Kong to conduct the “Consultancy Study on the Long-term Development of Child Care Services” (the Study) to advise on the long-term development of child care services. The Study took stock of the existing day child care services (including standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS, MHCCCs and NSCCP) in Hong Kong, made reference to the experience of other places in providing child care services and collected views from stakeholders. It also conducted in-depth analyses on different aspects of child care services, such as objectives, contents, targets, financing mode, service models, demand and supply situation, facility planning, staffing establishment and training, and made recommendations on the long-term

development of the services. The Final Report of the Study was completed in November 2018.

The Government accepted in principle the recommendations on the long-term development of child care services in the Final Report (Report) and has taken reference from the main recommendations of the Report to implement a series of measures in strengthening the long-term development of child care services since 2019-20 through re-engineering child care services, increasing service provision and providing additional professional manpower resources, etc. We have reported the progress of the follow-up work with regard to the recommendations of the Report to the Panel on 8 March 2021.

Yours sincerely,

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(Ms Penny WONG)

for Secretary for Labour and Welfare

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Director of Social Welfare

(Attn: Ms Tammy YU)

**Number of places and children served under NSCCP
2020-21**

District	No. of Places ^[Note]	No. of children served
Central & Western	53	341
Eastern	53	360
Islands	53	227
Kowloon City	53	244
Kwun Tong	53	313
Kwai Tsing	53	421
North	53	303
Southern	53	151
Sai Kung	53	477
Sham Shui Po	53	778
Sha Tin	53	614
Tuen Mun	53	719
Tai Po	53	521
Tsuen Wan	53	288
Wan Chai	53	209
Wong Tai Sin	53	422
Yuen Long	53	1 114
Yau Tsim Mong	53	477
Total	954	7 979

^[Note] Service operators are required to provide not less than 53 service places in each district (i.e. a total of not less than 954 service places in the 18 districts across the territory). They may flexibly increase the number of Home-based Child Care places on top of the minimum requirement set by SWD to meet the actual service demand.

**Table 1 - Number of aided standalone CCCs and aided CCCs attached to KGs
and number of places provided
2021-22 (as at June 2021)**

District	Aided Standalone CCCs		Aided CCCs attached to KGs ^[Note]	
	No. of centres	No. of places	No. of centres	No. of places
Central & Western	1	48	9	509
Southern	-	-	8	342
Islands	-	-	5	311
Eastern	1	64	17	347
Wan Chai	1	48	6	170
Kowloon City	1	67	15	536
Yau Tsim Mong	1	99	14	276
Sham Shui Po	1	62	13	299
Kwun Tong	-	-	24	527
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	17	363
Sai Kung	-	-	13	907
Sha Tin	2	177	20	458
Tai Po	-	-	9	297
North	1	51	10	331
Yuen Long	1	64	18	343
Tsuen Wan	1	76	10	241
Kwai Tsing	1	32	19	432
Tuen Mun	1	64	19	455
Total	13	852	246	7 144

[Note] Figures provided by the Education Bureau (EDB) as at September 2020.

Table 2 - Number of non-profit-making/private standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to KGs and number of places provided 2021-22 (as at June 2021)

District	Non-profit-making/Private Standalone CCCs		Non-profit-making/Private CCCs attached to KGs ^[Note 1]	
	No. of centres	No. of places	No. of centres	No. of places
Central & Western	1	162	20	2 171
Southern	-	-	11	807
Islands	1	46	9	792
Eastern	1	196	37	3 882
Wan Chai	-	-	10	669
Kowloon City	6	1 258	35	4 110
Yau Tsim Mong	2	116	11	910
Sham Shui Po	-	-	13	1 189
Kwun Tong	2	309	15	676
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	7	179
Sai Kung	-	-	22	3 249
Sha Tin	-	-	22	1 349
Tai Po	-	-	9	932
North	-	-	10	541
Yuen Long	-	-	15	911
Tsuen Wan	2	336	13	859
Kwai Tsing	-	28 ^[Note 2]	12	743
Tuen Mun	1	50	13	1 147
Total	16	2 501	284	25 116

[Note 1] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2020.

[Note 2] The service places are provided by an aided standalone CCC.

Number of additional aided CCC places in the coming three to four years

	Target Service Commencement Year	CCC Projects		No. of Places
		District	Location	
1.	2021	Sha Tin	Shek Mun Estate (commenced service in March 2021)	105
2.	2021-22	North District	Wah Ming Estate	56
3.	2022-23	Yuen Long	Tin Shui (II) Estate, Tin Shui Wai	88
4.		Kwun Tong	Shun Lee Estate	88
5.		Tai Po	Chung Nga Road	92
6.		North District	Queens Hill	100
7.	2023-24	Tuen Mun	Area 54 Sites 3 & 4 (East)	100
8.		Kwai Tsing	Kwai Fong Estate	72
9.		Sham Shui Po	Treasury Building	100
10.		Sham Shui Po	Cheung Shun Street	100
Total				901

**Aided standalone CCC places to be provided
under the Purchase of Premises Scheme**

District	No. of centres	No. of places
Central and Western	1	100
Wan Chai	1	100
Eastern	1	100
Southern	1	100
Yau Tsim Mong	1	100
Sham Shui Po	1	100
Kowloon City	1	100
Wong Tai Sin	2	200
Kwun Tong	1	100
Kwai Tsing	2	200
Tsuen Wan	1	100
Tuen Mun	2	200
Yuen Long	3	300
North	1	100
Tai Po	2	200
Sha Tin	2	200
Sai Kung	3	300
Islands	2	200
Total:	28	2800

**Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided full-day CCC service,
EHS and OCCS by district
2021-22 (as at June 2021)**

District	Aided full-day CCC service				EHS		OCCS	
	Aided standalone CCCs		Aided CCCs attached to KGs ^[Note 1]					
	Number of places	Average Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average Utilisation rate ^[Note 2] (%)	Number of places	Average Utilisation rate ^[Note 2] (%)
Central & Western	48	100.0	509	25.0	99	6.0	12	25.0
Southern	-	N.A.	342	54.0	73	7.0	17	29.0
Islands	-	N.A.	311	23.0	27	11.0	12	24.0
Eastern	64	100.0	347	53.0	189	7.0	24	29.0
Wan Chai	48	100.0	170	63.0	94	5.0	17	53.0
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	527	75.0	226	8.0	53	26.0
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	363	79.0	210	6.0	35	22.0
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	907	30.0	94	7.0	23	17.0
Kowloon City	67	100.0	536	45.0	151	8.0	22	34.0
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100.0	276	73.0	139	6.0	23	15.0
Sham Shui Po	62	100.0	299	62.0	165	8.0	28	30.0
Sha Tin	177	78.0	458	72.0	135	8.0	30	34.0
Tai Po	0	N.A.	297	41.0	94	7.0	17	24.0
North District	51	100.0	331	49.0	82	6.0	17	34.0
Yuen Long	64	100.0	343	87.0	122	8.0	33	32.0
Tsuen Wan	76	100.0	241	69.0	98	8.0	19	38.0
Kwai Tsing	32	100.0	432	60.0	138	9.0	37	32.0
Tuen Mun	64	100.0	455	64.0	173	8.0	33	25.0
Total	852	95.0	7 144	54.0	2 309	7.0	452	29.0

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note 1] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2020.

^[Note 2] Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, there is a decrease in the utilisation rate.