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**LegCo Panel on Health Services**  
**List of follow-up actions by the Administration**

Thank you for your letter of 29 September 1999. I would like to provide you the following additional information as requested by Members at the meeting of 12 October 1998 :-

**Paragraph 39 of the notes of meeting**

The breakdown on the respective increase in demand for HA health care services in the past year (i.e. 97-98) is as follows :-

<b><u>Service</u></b>	<b><u>96-97</u></b>	<b><u>97-98</u></b>	<b><u>Increase (%)</u></b>
inpatient & day patient discharges	948,265	973,620	2.7
specialist outpatient attendance	6,508,328	7,365,006	13.2
accident & emergency attendance	2,080,006	2,168,777	4.3

**Paragraph 41 of the notes of meeting**

The number of trainees for each training program is determined mainly based on the past trend of staff participation in training and the resources available for the provision of training courses for the year.

*Training in family physicians and doctors*

In 1998-99, 49 doctors in HA received training as family physicians, while there were about 3,950 doctor attendances for in-service training. HA plans to provide in-service training for 60 additional doctors each year in family medicine in 1999-2000 and 2000-01, and a training capacity of 4,000 to doctors in 1999-2000. It is estimated that \$17 million will be spent to provide for local and overseas training required for specialist training for doctors and family medicine physicians.

*Training for nurses*

In 1998-99, there were about 10,200 nurse attendances for in-service training. In 1999-2000, it is estimated that a training capacity of 14,500 could be provided to nurses. Of these 14,500 training capacity, as pledged in the Policy Address 1998, HA will centrally provide 7,000 training capacity for in-service and post-registration training to enhance nurses' clinical nursing competency. Individual hospitals will also organize training programs for their own nursing staff. An estimated amount of \$13 million will be spent on providing training programs for nurses in 1999-2000.

*Training for allied health professionals*

In 1998-99, there were about 5,500 allied health professional attendances for the training programmes organized by HA. In 1999-2000, HA will centrally provide in-service training capacity of about 3,000 while individual hospitals will organize training programs to provide another 2,500 training capacity. HA plans to spend about \$7.2 million to providing training for the allied health professionals in 1999-2000.

Yours sincerely,

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