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Dear Ms Chan,

At the meeting of the Panel on Welfare Services on 14 February 2000, members requested for information on the existing planning ratios of day care centre for the elderly, multi-service centre for the elderly and social centre for the elderly. The required information is provided below.

The existing planning ratios of the three types of elderly centres are based on elderly population, namely :-

- (a) 1 Day Care Centre for every 17 000 elderly people aged 65 or above;
- (b) 1 Multi-service Centre for every 17 000 elderly people aged 65 or above;
- (c) 1 Social Centre for every 2 000 elderly people aged 65 or above.

The Administration is currently reviewing the modes of operations as well as the planning standards of these community centres

for the elderly. We have appointed the Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong to conduct a consultancy study on the provision of day and community care services for the elderly. The consultants are expected to submit a draft final report in July 2000. We will report to the Panel on the Administration's plan to re-engineer the day services after considering the findings and recommendations of the consultancy study.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Health and Welfare