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Ms. Miranda HON,  
 Clerk to Public Accounts Committee,  
 Legislative Council,  
 Legislative Council Building,  
 8 Jackson Road, Central,  
 Hong Kong.

Dear Ms. HON,

**The Director of Audit's Report on the  
 results of value for money audits (Report No. 39)**

**Chapter 9: Primary education –  
 Planning and provision of primary school places**

Thank you for your letter of 11 December 2002. I append at Attachment the information (a) and (d) as requested. If you have any enquiries, or require further information, please contact me again, or my colleague, Mr K S Lee, on 2892 6621.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fanny Law'.

(Mrs Fanny LAW)

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***(Further information)***

**On (a):**

- For better resources management and to minimize the situation of under-enrolled classes, the criteria for operating Primary 1 classes will be tightened as from the 2003/04 school year. If the total number of students allocated to a Primary 1 class of a school is less than 23, and there are still Primary 1 places in other schools of the same school net, the school may not be allowed to operate that class.
- We have consulted the relevant primary school council and committee on the above criteria, and schools have been duly informed of the arrangement in writing in January 2003. We will inform schools of the approved number of Primary 1 classes for the 2003/04 school year in April 2003.

**On (d):**

- EMB's review of the future development of rural primary schools is underway. The review is expected to be completed by summer 2003.