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Clerk, Public Accounts Committee
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Dear Mr Chui,

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

Chapter 11: Primary education – Delivery of effective primary education

I refer to your letter dated 27 January 2003 on the captioned subject. Please find in the attached Annex the information as requested on the progress of the survey on students' physical fitness and participation in sports activities from 2002 onwards.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs Fanny Law)

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The Study to Assess the Effectiveness of Education Reform measures
(Physical Education)

The project for 2002-03 school year has been contracted out to the Hong Kong Baptist University through normal tendering procedures. The cost is \$495,477.00.

2. The study comprises two parts: the fitness test and measurement and the Questionnaire.

2.1 The test items of the fitness test and measurement are as follows:

- i. Height and weight
- ii. Cardiovascular Endurance: 9-minute run/walk
- iii. Muscular Strength: Push-ups (boys)
- iv. Bent-knee push-ups (girls)
- v. Muscular Endurance: 1-minute sit-ups
- vi. Flexibility: Sit and reach
- vii. Body composition: Triceps and calf skinfold measurements

2.2 The questionnaire has been designed to collect the information on students' participation in physical activities, their exercise habits, their attitude towards PE and their development in generic skills as well as value and attitude.

3. The work plan and progress are provided as follows :

Item	Date
Preparing and planning the test items and the questionnaire	Completed in Dec 2002
Stratified random sampling was used to selected 25 participating schools. Invitation to the schools and liaise with them on the logistics.	Completed in Dec 2002
Data Collection	January to April 2003
Data processing and analysis	Will be completed by June 2003
Preparing the draft report	Will be completed by August 2003

4. The study for 2003-04 school year will be conducted in primary schools subject to availability of funds. Proper procurement regulations will be followed for commissioning the study to the tertiary institutes. The same test items (except using hand grip dynameters for measuring the muscular strength) and questionnaire will be used for the study. The study will be conducted yearly in secondary and primary schools in alternate years.