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Dear Ms Tai,

Select Committee to inquire into the handling of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome onthreak by the Government and the Hospital Authority

I hereby submit to you the response to the questions set out in Appendix IV, together with my curriculum vitae for your information.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix IV

1. Was the index patient of Ward 3DR admitted directly to the ward on 11 April 2003? Was the patient admitted on referral by the Accident and Emergency Department or was the patient transferred from other hospital?

- The index patient admitted on 11 April 2003 was transferred from AHNH and to ward 3DR directly.
- Did the healthcare workers (HCWs) who attended the index patient of Ward 3DR take any infection control measures? If not, why not? If yes, what were these measures? Did you know whether any HCW who attended the index patient was infected? If yes, what was the reason and how was the HCW infected?
- HCWs of ward 3DR were required to wear N95 mask, gloves and gowns for all direct patient care care; and eye protection for high risk procedures. Handwashing was emphasized.
- No HCW of ward 3DR was infected.
- 3. What was the level of infection control in Ward 3DR at that time? What type of mask were HCWs required to wear and why? What were the guidelines provided to HCWs in Ward 3DR for wearing different types of personal protective equipment (PPE), such as surgical and N95 masks? Was the supply of PPE adequate in the Ward?
- Regarding the infection control measures and guidelines on PPE of Ward 3DR, please refer to Ans. 2
- Supply of PPE was adequate.
- 4. Whether you have any information you would like the Select Committee to take note of?
- No