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**Response for questions raised by the Select Committee prepared by NG Hon-yui  
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1. The condition of the index patient when admitted to Ward 8A in Prince of Wales Hospital on 4 March 2003 was stable, alert, orientated, with temperature at 40.2 °C, blood pressure at 120/60 mmHg. He was admitted to Ward 8A at 4:30 PM after attending the Accident and Emergency Department in PWH. The initial diagnosis on admission was Pneumonia and the patient was not considered as Severe Community-Acquired Pneumonia.
2. On admission, the patient was not identified as the index case. Since the patient was admitted to 8A as an ordinary pneumonia case, I had not been informed for the admission of this patient, so I had not given any special directions or guidelines on infection control measures to the healthcare workers who attended to the PWH index patient. At that time, universal precautions were practicing in wards.



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