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Clerk
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 (Attn: Ms Dora Wai)

Dear Ms Wai ,

**The Director of Audit's Report on the
 Results of Value for Money Audits (Report No. 40)**

**Chapter 9 : University Grants Committee funded institutions –
 General administrative services**

I refer to your letter of 26 June 2003 and set out our response below.

- (a) Students studying at University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded institutions may apply for financial assistance under the Local Student Finance Scheme (LSFS) and the Non-means Tested Loan Scheme (NLS). The LSFS provides financial assistance to eligible students for their tuition fees, academic expenses, compulsory union fees and general living expenses. In addition, NLS provides assistance to students for the difference between the maximum financial assistance under LSFS and the actual amount received by students, subject to the NLS loan maximum (equivalent to tuition fees

payable) not being exceeded.

In determining the level of grants and loans for students, hostel accommodation is not a specific factor of consideration.

- (b) The Administration constantly reviews its policy on students' grants and loans, taking into account new developments in the sector and comments from relevant parties. Students' need for assistance in respect of accommodation will be considered in this context as appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Irene Young', written in a cursive style.

(Irene Young)

for Secretary for Education and Manpower

c.c. Secretary-General, University Grants Committee
Controller, Student Financial Assistance Agency