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Ms Miranda HON
Clerk, Public Accounts Committee
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road, Central
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Dear Ms Hon,

**The Director of Audit's Report on the
results of value for money audits (Report No. 42)**

**Chapter 9: Training, employment and
residential services for people with disabilities**

Thank you for your letter on the above subject of 13 May 2004.

We have confirmed with the Social Welfare Department (SWD) that there is at present no need for transferring any of its surplus staff to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) or other government departments as all of them have been gainfully redeployed within the department to meet new service needs. Notwithstanding, if such a need arises in future, we will assist in identifying redeployment opportunities elsewhere in the civil service to accommodate the surplus staff as far as practicable. As regards the suggestion to transfer surplus staff to NGOs, it involves quite a number of issues such as whether the NGOs are prepared to take on the surplus staff, funding arrangement, staff sentiments, etc.

Yours sincerely,

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

(Mrs Sharon YIP)
for Secretary for the Civil Service

c.c. Director of Social Welfare (Attn: Mr Paul TUNG)
Director of Audit