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Clerk to Panel on Home Affairs
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
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(Attn : Miss Flora Tai Yin-ping)

Dear Miss Tai,

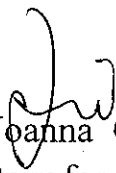
Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs :
Advisory and Statutory Bodies

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs held on 14 July 2004, the Hon Emily Lau requested information on the share taken up by disabled persons and members of ethnic minorities respectively in respect of membership of advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs).

Please be informed that members of ASBs are not required to declare to us their ethnic origin and whether they have any disability. As such, the Government does not have readily available information on the number of disabled persons and members of ethnic minorities serving on our ASBs. Responsible bureaux and departments could only supply information for 476 out of the 508 ASBs on the basis of their perception of the ethnic origin of the ASB members concerned. They could only provide information on disabled persons sitting on 464 ASBs. Based on the incomplete information available to us, we estimate that as at 1 December 2004, disabled persons accounted for about 0.3% of the appointed

non-official members of ASBs, while members of ethnic minorities took up about 4% of the non-official membership of ASBs.

Yours sincerely,


(Miss Joanna C. H. Choi)
for Secretary for Home Affairs

cc Hon Emily Lau