Response to the enquiry of Chairman and Hon LEE Cheuk-yan in the Subcommittee meeting held on 16 December 2005

Standard Unit Cost Per Boarding Place Per Annum of Boarding Section with Different Capacity in Schools for Children with Physical Disability (PD) (at the 2004/05 price level)

- For a 60-place boarding section in PD schools, the standard unit cost per boarding place per annum is estimated to be \$0.17 million.
- Since we do not operate any 25-place or 10-place boarding sections in PD schools, there is no readily available information on their standard unit cost per boarding place per annum. Nonetheless, taking into account the basic provision including the staff manning ratios as stipulated in the Code of Aid for Special Schools, the standard unit cost of a 10-place boarding section will amount to about 2.3 times of that for a 60-place boarding section. For a 25-place boarding section, the standard unit cost will amount to about 1.3 times of that for a 60-place boarding section. The above two estimated standard unit costs have not taken into account the capital and maintenance costs.

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