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Mrs Sharon Tong
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Dear Mrs Tong,

**Panel on Manpower meeting on 24 February 2005
Extension of temporary jobs in the public sector**

The Panel on Manpower discussed the proposed extension of temporary jobs in the public sector at its meeting on 24 February 2005. Whilst supporting the proposed extension of some 11 200 temporary jobs, the Panel requested the Administration to favourably consider retaining the remaining temporary jobs which FEHD proposed not to extend. Having critically reviewed the matter, the Administration decided to increase the number of temporary jobs in FEHD by a further 391, bringing the total number of jobs to be extended to about 11 600. We will seek funding approval from the Finance Committee at its meeting on 4 March 2005.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Keith GIANG', with a stylized, flowing script.

(Keith GIANG)

for Secretary for Economic Development and Labour (Labour)

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