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Clerk to the LegCo Panel on Manpower
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central
Hong Kong
(Attn : Mrs Sharon Tong)

Dear Mrs Tong,

LegCo Manpower Panel Meeting

With reference to the discussion in the meeting of the Panel on Manpower held on 18 November 2004, I am writing to provide the information as requested by Members.

Insolvency cases referred to the Commercial Crime Bureau (CCB)

A Task Force comprising representatives of the Labour Department (LD), CCB of the Hong Kong Police Force, Official Receiver's Office and Legal Aid Department was set up in November 2002 to combat possible abuse of the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund (PWIF). LD has so far referred 44 suspected cases to CCB for investigation.

Up to now, CCB has arrested six directors, two managers and 43 employees involved in seven cases. The court has so far convicted a director and an employee of a printing company for false accounting with intent to defraud the PWIF and sentenced them to 12 months' imprisonment. CCB is taking follow-up action on the other six cases. As for the rest of the cases referred to the CCB, investigation is still underway on 12 whilst the other 25 would not be pursued because of insufficient evidence.

Case of Yu's Tin Sing Enterprises Company Limited

Yu's Tin Sing Enterprises Company Limited pleaded not guilty to 15 summonses for late payment of wages and holiday offences under the Employment Ordinance. Full trial is scheduled for 1 to 4 February 2005 at the Kwun Tong Magistracy.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs Jenny CHAN)
for Permanent Secretary for Economic
Development and Labour (Labour) and
Commissioner for Labour