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Clerk to Panel Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs 8 Jackson Road Central Hong Kong (Attn: Miss Flora TAI)

Dear Miss Tai,

Meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs on 10 March 2006

In the LegCo Panel on Home Affairs' meeting on 10 March, the Honorable Dr Fernando Cheung sought the Administration's response on the suggestion of the Equal Opportunities Council (EOC) about the establishment of a Mental Health Council. The Administration's response is as follow:

> The Administration put forward the EOC's suggestion to the Rehabilitation Programme Plan (RPP) Review Working Group for discussion. The Working Group agreed that mental health is an important issue and should involve the participation of the whole society. The Working Group did not express the need for setting up a Mental Health Council but agreed that the RPP would address more on the issue of mental health including the enhancement of integrated services, intersectoral collaboration and tripartite partnership.

> > Yours sincerely,

(Miss Amy Yeung) for Secretary for Home Affairs