By Fax 25090775
本函檔號 Our Ref．：（24）in HWF／H／41／6 Pt． 301
電話號碼 Tel．No．： 29738107
來函檔號 Your Ref．：
傳真號碼 Fax No．： 28400467

Clerk to Panel on Health Services<br>12 February 2008<br>Legislative Council<br>Legislative Council Building<br>8 Jackson Road<br>Central，Hong Kong<br>（Attn：Miss Mary SO）

Dear Miss SO，

## Meeting of LegCo Panel on Health Services on 1 June 2007 <br> Health and Health Services Research Fund

At the meeting of the Panel on Health Services held on 1 June 2007，Members asked for information on the amount of funding granted to each approved project．Members also asked whether there had been any application which was worthy of support but could not be supported due to lack of funds．The information requested by Members is set out in the following paragraphs．

## Amount of funding granted to each approved project

Since the establishment of the Health and Health Services Research Fund in 2002，five open calls have been issued．A total of 63 projects worth $\$ 26.47$ million were approved in the first four open calls．The Research Fund Secretariat is currently processing the applications received for the fifth call，which was closed in November 2007.

There are two types of awards：full grants and mini－grants．The mini－grants are intended for small scale，non－renewable pilot studies so their size of funding is significantly lower than that of full grants．Among these 63 supported projects， 55 were full grants and eight were mini－grants．

The amount of funding granted in each open call is as follows:

|  | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{1}^{\text {st }} \text { open } \\ \text { call }^{*} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 2^{\text {nd }} \text { open } \\ \text { call } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3^{\text {rd }} \text { open } \\ \text { call } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4^{\text {th }} \text { open } \\ & \text { call } \end{aligned}$ | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of full <br> grant projects  <br> funded   | 15 | 11 | 11 | 18 | 55 |
| Total approved  <br> amount for full <br> grant projects   <br> (HK dollars)   | 7,746,066 | 4,760,577 | 5,808,893 | 7,565,177 | 25,880,713 |
| Number of <br> mini-grant projects funded | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| Total approved <br> amount for <br> mini-grant projects  <br> (HK dollars)  | 265,898 | 69,000 | 79,380 | 175,737 | 590,015 |

* Three projects amounting to $\$ 0.46$ million were supported by the unused fund balance of the Health Services Research Fund

On average, $\$ 470,558$ was granted for each full grant project whereas $\$ 73,752$ was granted for each mini-grant project.

## Applications that were worthy of support but could not be supported due to lack of funds

To date, all projects that were considered worthy of support by the Research Council were funded. No worthy project has been denied support due to a lack of funds, although the funding for three applications submitted in 2006 were only confirmed in 2007 due to there being insufficient funding in the interim period.

Thank you.
Yours sincerely,

