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Clerk to Panel on Health Services Legislative Council Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road Central, Hong Kong (Attn: Miss Mary SO)

Dear Miss SO,

Meeting of LegCo Panel on Health Services on 1 June 2007 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:

	1 st open call [*]	2 nd open call	3 rd open call	4 th open call	Total
Number of full					
grant projects	15	11	11	18	55
funded					
Total approved					
amount for full	7,746,066	1 760 577	5 808 803	7 565 177	25,880,713
grant projects	7,740,000	4,700,377	3,606,693	7,303,177	23,660,713
(HK dollars)					
Number of					
mini-grant projects	3	1	1	3	8
funded					
Total approved					
amount for	265,898	69,000	79,380	175,737	590,015
mini-grant projects	203,898	03,000	17,360	113,131	390,013
(HK dollars)					

^{*} 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,

(Mrs Ingrid YEUNG) for Secretary for Food and Health