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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,

Panel on Health Services
List of Outstanding Items for Discussion
(Position as at 25 October 2006)

I refer to the above list of outstanding items for discussion at the Panel on Health Services and would like to provide the Administration's response in respect of Item 16 regarding medical services in New Territories West.

At present, Tuen Mun has three general out-patient clinics (GOPCs) providing a quota of 27 375 attendance per month, and Yuen Long also has three GOPCs providing a quota of 21 596 attendance per month, which are above the territory wide average. We have also opened a Chinese medicine out-patient clinic in Yuen Long in April this year, and another one in Tuen Mun is scheduled to be opened in December this year. We recognise, however, that there is a need for additional services in Tin Shui Wai, where a GOPC in operation at present provides a quota of 15 691 attendance per month. We have already committed to strengthen the existing GOPC services in Tin Shui Wai as well as to build a new GOPC in Tin Shui Wai North. We have

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already started the planning and preparatory work for constructing a building for the GOPC and other community facilities in Tin Shui Wai North. We will closely monitor the situation and explore any other possibility of further strengthening the existing GOPC services in the area pending the completion of the new GOPC.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions or require any further information regarding the item concerned.

Yours sincerely,

(Thomas Chan)
for Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food