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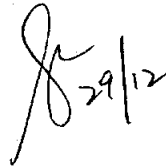
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採取措施處理與賭博有關的問題

繼於2008年12月1日就標題事宜向你發出便箋後，謹此告知，政府當局已就議員所提的關注事項作出回覆。遵議員指示，現將有關回應(見附件)轉致立法會民政事務委員會參閱。

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### 採取措施處理與賭博有關的問題

謝謝你二零零八年十二月一日的來信，現謹就議員提出的關注事項提供資料。

就平和基金向輔導治療中心提供撥款的情況而言，明愛和東華三院所得的撥款為每年各三百五十萬元，而錫安社會服務處及香港青年協會為每年各一百三十萬元。撥款安排的主要考慮包括有關中心的規模和服務數量。正如我們在十一月二十五日及十一月二十七日的回覆提到，平和基金委員會正研究香港理工大學的報告，並會就對問題和病態賭徒的支援及預防工作的發展方向，向民政事務局局長提供建議。在收到平和基金委員會的建議後，民政事務局局長會就為問題和病態賭徒及其他受影響人士而設的輔導、治療和其他支援服務的長遠安排，包括資助模式、服務營運、資助額等事宜，作全盤考慮，並會向立法會民政事務委員會作出匯報。

在宣傳教育方面，為了向社會各階層人士有效宣揚賭博的禍害，我們製作了多套電視宣傳短片及電台宣傳聲帶。最新一輯在今年九月啟播的電視宣傳短片，是「校園不賭計劃」下「不賭宣傳短片製作比賽」公開組的得獎作品。此外，在二

零零四年及二零零六年，平和基金資助製作實況劇集，劇集內容以真實個案改編，講述問題和病態賭博對不同階層的賭徒所造成的心理傷害和經濟損失。我們會不時考慮開展新的公眾教育計劃，宣傳賭博的禍害。另一方面，四所受平和基金資助的輔導治療中心，除了為問題及病態賭徒及其家人提供專門的輔導及治療服務外，亦會推行公眾教育計劃，宣傳戒賭熱線服務及賭博的禍害。

至於博彩及獎券事務委員會(博獎會)，它是根據博彩稅條例(香港法例第 108 章)成立的法定組織。根據博彩稅條例第 6D 條，委員會須包括最少八名非公職人員，其中最少一人須是《社會工作者註冊條例》(香港法例第 505 章)所指的註冊社會工作者；最少一人須具有資格根據《立法會條例》(第 542 章)登記為該條例第 20(1)(e)條指明的教育界功能界別的選民；及最少一人須是在任何有組織宗教中擔任職位的人，而該職位是與教授或促進遵循該宗教的教義或就該等教義提供導引有關連的；或從事教授神學、哲學或倫理學的人。正如委任其他諮詢及法定組織成員一樣，在委任博獎會成員時，我們的考慮是羅致最合適的人士，以切合有關組織及法例的要求。在作出委任時，我們考慮有關人士的才能、專長、經驗、操守和服務社會的熱誠，以及委員會的職能和工作性質。博彩稅條例的條文並無就博獎會成員與香港賽馬會(馬會)之間的關係特別作出規定。

博獎會的會議議程會透過民政事務局網頁發放，而會議則以閉門形式進行。在最近五次會議上，委員會討論過的主要議題包括警務處在打擊非法賭博活動方面的工作、馬會容許馬主攜同未成年家庭成員或親友進入馬場所作的保安及監控等方面的安排、馬會的營運情況、有關馬會的賽馬博彩牌照、足球博彩牌照及獎券活動牌照的續牌事宜等。



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Dear Miss TSANG,

### Measures to Address Gambling-Related Problems

Thank you for your letter of 1 December 2008. We would like to provide the following information in response to Members' enquiries.

Regarding the provision of Ping Wo Fund ("the Fund") to finance the counselling and treatment centres, the annual funding to Caritas-Hong Kong and the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals is \$3.5 million each, and that to the Zion Social Service and the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups is \$1.3 million each. The main considerations for the funding arrangements include the scale of the centres and the service output. As stated in our replies of 25 November and 27 November, the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee ("the Committee") is studying the study report of Hong Kong Polytechnic University and will make recommendations to the Secretary for Home Affairs on the development of support and preventive measures for problem or pathological gamblers. On receipt of the Committee's recommendations, the Secretary for Home Affairs will consider the long-term provision of counselling, treatment

and other support services for problem or pathological gamblers and other affected parties, including mode of funding, service operation and the amount of funding, etc., in a comprehensive manner, and report to the Home Affairs Panel of the Legislative Council.

Regarding publicity and education, we have produced various television and radio announcements of public interest (APIs) to effectively publicise the negative impact of gambling across all sectors of the community. The new TV APIs first broadcast in September this year is the winning entry in the open division of the "Do Not Gamble API design competition" under the Do Not Gamble" campaign on campus. In 2004 and 2006, the Ping Wo Fund sponsored the production of docu-dramas building on real-life experience to promulgate the psychological and financial damages that could be caused by problem and pathological gambling to gamblers from different walks of life. We will, from time to time, consider commissioning new public education programmes on the negative impact of gambling. As for the four counselling and treatment centres financed by the Ping Wo Fund, apart from providing specialised counselling and treatment services for problem or pathological gamblers and their family members, they also run public education programmes to promote the gambling counselling hotline service and publicise the negative impact of gambling.

Regarding the Betting and Lotteries Commission (BLC), it is a statutory body established under the Betting Duty Ordinance ("the Ordinance") (Cap 108). Under section 6D of the Ordinance, the BLC shall include not less than 8 persons, who are not public officers. Among them, at least one person shall be a registered social worker within the meaning of the Social Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap 505); at least one shall be eligible under the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap 542) to be registered as an elector for the education functional constituency specified in section 20(1)(e) of that Ordinance; and at least one shall occupy in any organised religion any office associated with the teaching of, the giving of guidance on, or the promotion of adherence to, the precepts of the religion; or be engaged in the teaching of any theology, philosophy or ethics. When appointing BLC members, as in the case of appointments to other advisory or statutory bodies, our consideration is to appoint the most suitable persons in order to meet the requirements of BLC and the law. We have also taken into account the candidate's ability, expertise, experience, integrity and commitment to public service, as well as the functions and nature of BLC. No specific provision has been made under the Ordinance on the relationship between members of the BLC and Hong Kong Jockey Club

(HKJC).

Agendas of the BLC meetings are available on the website of the Home Affairs Bureau and BLC meetings are conducted in closed-door. Major topics discussed at the latest five meetings of BLC include Police's efforts in tackling illegal gambling activities; HKJC's security and control arrangements in respect of allowing horse owners to bring their under-aged family members, relatives and friends into the racecourse; operation of HKJC; and renewal of HKJC's horse race betting, football betting and lottery licences.

Yours sincerely,



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