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Ms Flora Tai
Clerk to the Panel on Administration
of Justice and Legal Services
Legislative Panel Building
8 Jackson Road
Hong Kong

Dear Ms Tai,

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services Meeting on 24th November 2008 on the Review of the Provision of Legal Aid Services

The Administration's Response to the Panel's Request for Supplementary Information

I refer you to the above and provide here below the information requested by the Panel.

1. The number of successful and unsuccessful Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme (SLAS) cases in the past three years, together with the net gain arising from recovery of damages/compensation in successful cases as well as the costs for unsuccessful ones:

	No. of successful cases	No. of unsuccessful cases	Net gain arising from recovery of damages/compensation in successful cases (\$)	Costs of unsuccessful cases (\$)
2005-06	76	4	5,320,583	384,558
2006-07	86	9	2,479,251	4,269,106
2007-08	94	14	2,999,017	18,992,031

Notes: The above information is based on cases the accounts of which were finalised during the relevant financial year which runs from 1 October to 30 September the following year.

2. The amount and percentage of contributions required to be paid by the aided persons under the Ordinary Legal Aid Scheme and the number of persons aided under the Scheme in the past three years:

The information requested is at **Annex A**.

3. The amount and percentage of contributions required to be paid by the aided persons under the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme and the number of persons aided under the Scheme in the past three years:

The information requested is at **Annex B**.

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Alice Chung) for Director of Legal Aid

c.c. Secretary for Home Affairs (Attn: Miss Christine Chow)

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Amount and Percentage of Contributions required to be paid by Legally Aided Persons under the Ordinary Legal Aid Scheme in 2006

Financial Resources		No. of Aided Persons			% of Aided Persons	Amount and Percentage of Contributions required to be
Exceed	Do not Exceed	Civil	Criminal	Total		paid
Not excee	eding \$20,000	6770	2162	8932	77.1%	0
\$20,000	\$40,000	970	77	1047	9.0%	\$1,000
\$40,000	\$60,000	617	39	656	5.7%	\$2,000
\$60,000	\$80,000	361	28	389	3.4%	5%
\$80,000	\$100,000	190	10	200	1.7%	10%
\$100,000	\$120,000	135	11	146	1.3%	15%
\$120,000	\$144,000	120	14	134	1.2%	20%
	\$155,800	28	0	28	0.2%	25%
¢144,000	(1.1.2006 – 15.6.2006)					
\$144,000	\$158,300	38	2	40	0.3%	25%
	(16.6.2006 – 31.12.2006)					
\$155,800	\$269,700	0	3	3	0.0%	30%
\$158,300	\$209,700	0	1	1	0.0%	30%
\$269,700	\$369,700	0	1	1	0.0%	35%
\$369,700	\$469,700	0	1	1	0.0%	40%
\$469,700	\$569,700	0	3	3	0.0%	45%
\$569,700	\$669,700	0	1	1	0.0%	50%
\$669,700	\$769,700	0	1	1	0.0%	55%
\$769,700	\$869,700	0	1	1	0.0%	60%
\$869,700	\$1,200,000	0	0	0	0.0%	65%
Exceeding \$1,200,000		0	2	2	0.0%	67%
Total		9,229	2,357	11,586	100%	

Amount and Percentage of Contributions required to be paid by Legally Aided Persons under the Ordinary Legal Aid Scheme in 2007

Financial Resources		No. of Aided Persons			% of Aided Persons	Amount and Percentage of Contributions required to be
Exceed	Do not Exceed	Civil	Criminal	Total		paid
Not excee	ding \$20,000	5,530	2,305	7,835	75.6%	0
\$20,000	\$40,000	940	73	1,013	9.8%	\$1,000
\$40,000	\$60,000	531	35	566	5.5%	\$2,000
\$60,000	\$80,000	323	39	362	3.5%	5%
\$80,000	\$100,000	226	10	236	2.3%	10%
\$100,000	\$120,000	120	18	138	1.3%	15%
\$120,000	\$144,000	124	6	130	1.3%	20%
	\$158,300	30	1	31	0.3%	25%
	(1.1.2007 – 14.6.2007)					
\$144,000	\$162,300	33	2	35	0.3%	25%
\$144,000	(15.6.2007 – 13.12.2007)					
	\$165,700	0	0	0	0.0%	25%
	(14.12.2007 – 31.12.2007)					
\$158,300		0	2	2	0.0%	30%
\$162,300	\$269,700	0	7	7	0.1%	30%
\$165,700		0	0	0	0.0%	30%
\$269,700	\$369,700	0	2	2	0.0%	35%
\$369,700	\$469,700	0	1	1	0.0%	40%
\$469,700	\$569,700	0	4	4	0.0%	45%
\$569,700	\$669,700	1	1	2	0.0%	50%
\$669,700	\$769,700	0	0	0	0.0%	55%
\$769,700	\$869,700	0	0	0	0.0%	60%
\$869,700	\$1,200,000	0	1	1	0.0%	65%
Exceeding	Exceeding \$1,200,000		0	0	0.0%	67%
Total		7,858	2,507	10,365	100%	

Amount and Percentage of Contributions required to be paid by Legally Aided Persons under the Ordinary Legal Aid Scheme in 2008

Financia	No. of Aided Persons			% of Aided Persons	Amount and Percentage of Contributions required to be	
Exceed	Do not Exceed	Civil	Criminal	Total		paid
Not exceed	ding \$20,000	5,108	2,046	7,154	74.1%	0
\$20,000	\$40,000	868	75	943	9.8%	\$1,000
\$40,000	\$60,000	535	44	579	6.0%	\$2,000
\$60,000	\$80,000	355	20	375	3.9%	5%
\$80,000	\$100,000	205	12	217	2.2%	10%
\$100,000	\$120,000	152	11	163	1.7%	15%
\$120,000	\$144,000	126	3	129	1.3%	20%
\$144,000	\$165,700	68	5	73	0.8%	25%
\$165,700	\$269,700	1	7	8	0.1%	30%
\$269,700	\$369,700	0	4	4	0.0%	35%
\$369,700	\$469,700	0	1	1	0.0%	40%
\$469,700	\$569,700	0	2	2	0.0%	45%
\$569,700	\$669,700	0	1	1	0.0%	50%
\$669,700	\$769,700	0	0	0	0.0%	55%
\$769,700	\$869,700	0	0	0	0.0%	60%
\$869,700	\$1,200,000	0	2	2	0.0%	65%
Exceeding	Exceeding \$1,200,000		2	2	0.0%	67%
Total		7,418	2,235	9,653	100%	

Amount of Contributions required to be paid by Legally Aided Persons under the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme in 2006

Financia	l Resources	No. of Aided Persons	Amount of Contribution required to be paid \$	
Exceed	Exceed Do not Exceed			
(1.1.2006	- 15.6.2006)	75	38,950	
\$155,800	\$155,800 \$432,900		36,930	
(16.6.2006	- 31.12.2006)	52	20.575	
\$158,300	\$158,300 \$439,800		39,575	
Т	otal	127	-	

Amount of Contribution required to be paid by Legally Aided Persons under the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme in 2007

Financial	Resources	No. of Aided Persons	Amount of Contribution required to be paid \$	
Exceed	Exceed Do not Exceed			
(1.1.2007 –	14.6.2007)	<i>E</i> 1	39,575	
\$158,300	\$439,800	51		
(15.6.2007 –	13.12.2007)	28	40,575	
\$162,300	\$162,300 \$450,800		40,373	
(14.12.2007 -	- 31.12.2007)	0	41,425	
\$165,700	\$165,700 \$460,300		41,423	
То	tal	79	-	

Amount of Contribution required to be paid by Legally Aided Persons under the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme in 2008

Financial	Resources	No. of Aided Persons	Amount of Contribution required to be paid \$
Exceed Do not Exceed			
\$165,700	\$460,300	95	41,425