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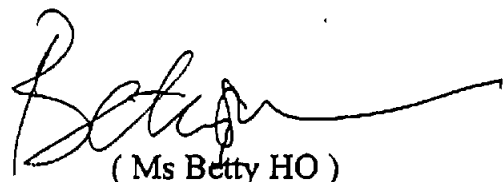
Dear Miss Wong,

District-based Trial Scheme on Carer Training

In discussing the District-based Trial Scheme on Carer Training (the Trial Scheme) at the meeting of the Panel on Welfare Services on 9 February 2009, the Administration was asked to provide further information on the number of District Elderly Community Centres (DECCs) which had provided fee-charging carer services and the fee structure. The required information is set out in the ensuing paragraphs.

Among the 11 DECCs participating in the Trial Scheme, six of them have provided fee-charging carer services. The services include escort (e.g. accompanying elders to medical appointments) and temporary care services, etc. The service fee ranges from \$10 to \$45 per hour or \$55 to \$75 per day, depending on the service nature. DECCs will provide subsidies (e.g. transport allowance) to the volunteer carer-helpers or salaries to the paid carer-helpers. DECCs are also responsible for providing insurance coverage for the carer-helpers.

Under the Trial Scheme, participating DECCs are allowed to develop fee-charging services on a self-financing basis, but they are required to take into consideration the affordability of elders when determining the fee level. Revenue generated from the Trial Scheme has to be ploughed back fully into providing carer training and carer services. Moreover, participating DECCs are required to submit their income and expenditure accounts to the Social Welfare Department.



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