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Miss Mary SO  
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Legislative Council  
Legislative Council Building  
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Dear Miss SO,

**Meeting of Legislative Council Panel on Health Services  
on 8 February 2010  
Human swine influenza vaccine for pregnant women**

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Health Services on 8 February 2010, the Administration briefed Members about the Human Swine Influenza (HSI) vaccine for pregnant women. The Administration was requested to provide up-to-date statistics on the cumulative total of HSI vaccinations administered, the average number of vaccines administered each day, and the expected doses of vaccines that would remain unused by April 2010. The Administration's response is as follows -

The Administration has launched the HSI Vaccination Programme since 21 December 2009 and procured a total of 3 million doses of HSI vaccine for the purposes. As at noon 19 March 2010, over 186,700 doses of HSI vaccine

had been administered to the five target groups recommended by the Scientific Committees under the Centre for Health Protection. On average, more than 3,100 doses of vaccines were administered per day, excluding weekends and public holidays. The actual vaccination rate can be affected by a number of factors, including changes in the pandemic, the number of severe and fatal cases and the public's understanding as to the safety of the vaccine, etc.

Currently, there are roughly 2.75 million doses of HSI vaccines in stock. Maintaining this stockpile of vaccines is considered crucial in the coming few months as it can provide an assurance for public health protection and ensure the availability of sufficient vaccines for use once the pandemic has worsened. The Administration will continue to closely monitor the development of the pandemic in Hong Kong and other places in the world as well as the vaccination coverage to ensure that our preventive and control measures can achieve the best result.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shirley Lam". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

(Ms Shirley LAM)  
for Secretary for Food and Health