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Ms Amy YU Clerk to Panel on Education Legislative Council Secretariat Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road, Central Hong Kong

Dear Ms YU,

Panel on Education

Follow up on the Relocation of Christian Zheng Sheng Association's Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Centres and Education Facilities at Ha Keng, Lantau Island

Thank you for your letters to the Secretary for Education dated 6 April and 13 April 2011. I am authorised to reply on his behalf.

For matters concerning the proposed relocation of the drug treatment and rehabilitation centres of the Christian Zheng Sheng Association ("CZSA"), you may wish to note that the Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau is taking the lead in the Administration in coordinating the matters, while the Education Bureau ("EDB") will deal with the Christian Zheng Sheng College ("CZSC")'s application for operating New Senior Secondary ("NSS") courses. The Administration will shortly reply to CZSA and will keep the Panel on Education posted of the development.

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Regarding the CZSC's application for operating NSS courses, although the CZSA has recently indicated that the accounts of the CZSA and CZSC could be clearly separated, the audited accounts received by the Education Bureau on 1 April this year are still the CZSA's for the year ended 31 December 2009, albeit with a column in Income and Expenditure Statement titled "College". However, the Auditors reported on 6 October 2010 that the opening balance of the General Funds (for CZSA) and College Funds (for CZSC) as at 31 December 2008 and 2009 respectively had not been segregated. In addition, no actual financial information for the period covering 1 January 2010 to 31 August 2010 has been provided by CZSC. Also, the budget submitted by the College on 1 April 2011 with no detailed breakdown of income and expenditure items and the basis of preparation (including assumptions adopted) is far too brief for the EDB to assess the proposed financial provision of the NSS courses for a 3-year cohort. We have asked CZSC to submit the audited accounts of the College for the 2009/10 school year and supplementary information on its budget as soon as possible. Given the above, we would have no basis at this juncture to form a view as to whether the tuition fees proposed are reasonable. This is especially important since experience suggests that a sizeable portion of CZSC's students come from less well off families. The EDB will maintain a close contact with the CZSC so that we can proceed with the remaining procedures for its application to operate the NSS courses.

Yours sincerely,

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