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Ms Elyssa Wong
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Panel on Health Services
Legislative Council Secretariat
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Dear Ms Wong,

**Improvement on Joint Replacement Surgeries
in the Hospital Authority**

At the meeting of the Panel on Health Services held on 13 June 2011, the Hospital Authority (HA) was requested to provide information regarding the utilization of additional funding for the setting up of the two joint replacement centres in Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital and Yan Chai Hospital in terms of various cost components such as manpower, equipment, services and facilities.

Having consulted HA, I summarise the relevant information in the following table for Members' reference –

Major cost components	Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital (in \$M)	Yan Chai Hospital (in \$M)
Manpower	\$18.8	\$19.6
Recurrent drug and consumables	\$11.2	\$11.0
Set-up	\$12.0	\$1.4
Total	\$42.0	\$32.0

We would like to point out that hospitals have different resources requirement because the basis for settling up the two joint replacement centres was different in many aspects, e.g. equipment, facilities and staff mix, etc. Funding allocation was based on the requirements of the two hospitals taking into account various factors. Direct comparison between the two centres on the funding allocated in relation to the service throughput is not appropriate.

Yours sincerely

(Ms Angela Lee)
for Secretary for Food and Health

c.c. Chief Executive, Hospital Authority (Attn: Mrs Clara Wong)