

**Internet Learning Support Programme – memorandum prepared by
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At the Panel's meeting on 14 March 2011, the administration made some remarks about my role in the events leading to the selection of implementers for the Internet Learning Support Programme (ILSP).

2. Unfortunately, these remarks were incomplete and are likely to create a misleading impression of events. I now face the possibility that my professional reputation might be unfairly affected as a result.
3. I have invited the Government to brief the Panel on the specific corrections and clarifications that I consider are necessary, so that the panel and the community can make a well-informed assessment of the propriety and judgment displayed by those involved in the selection. Regrettably, I have been informed that the Government does not regard it as appropriate to be more transparent about these events.
4. A former civil servant cannot publicly disclose details of the conduct of Government business during his period of service unless he has permission to do so. I have not been given this permission and I therefore cannot elaborate on the nature of the corrections and clarifications that I consider necessary.
5. I do, however, feel entitled to correct the statement that the Government must respect the personal nature of my reasons for seeking early termination of my service with the Government. Although the reasons have been classified as "personal reasons", they relate to the conduct of Government business and are wholly unrelated to my health or to my private life. The Secretary may not have been aware that I have no objection to the reasons being disclosed.
6. I would not want this memorandum to cause speculation that might unfairly harm the reputation of others. I will therefore take this opportunity to confirm that neither Mrs Rita Lau nor Mr Greg So ever put me under pressure to act improperly. Nor, as far as I am aware, did Mr Greg So play any role in the selection of implementer for the ILSP.

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