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Clerk to LegCo Panel on Housing Legislative Council Secretariat Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road, Central Hong Kong (Attn: Miss Becky Yu)

Dear Miss Yu,

Waiting List Income and Asset Limits

At the meeting of the Panel on Housing on 2 March 2012, Members discussed the review findings of Waiting List (WL) income and asset limits. The Administration has reflected Members' views to the Subsidised Housing Committee (SHC) under the Housing Authority (HA).

On 26 March 2012, the SHC discussed the matter and endorsed the WL income and asset limits for 2012/13. For 1-person and 2-person households, according to the established mechanism, there should in fact be a decrease in the income limits. However, in light of the current economic situation, and in order to continue to provide the additional buffer for 1-person and 2-person households, the SHC decided to give special consideration to freeze their income limits at existing levels. For 3-person households and above, it was decided to effect the changes in accordance with the established formula. As for the WL asset limits, the SHC endorsed the adjustment according to the latest statistics under the established mechanism. The WL income and asset limits for 2012/13 endorsed have come into effect since 1 April 2012. The limits are set out in the table at **Annex** for Members' reference.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Transport and Housing

The 2012/13 WL income and asset limits are as follows:

Household Size	WL Income Limits for 2012/13	WL Asset Limits for 2012/13*
1-Person	\$8,740 (\$9,200)	\$203,000
2-Person	\$13,410 (\$14,116)	\$274,000
3-Person	\$17,060 (\$17,958)	\$359,000
4-Person	\$20,710 (\$21,800)	\$418,000
5-Person	\$23,640 (\$24,884)	\$465,000
6-Person	\$26,590 (\$27,989)	\$503,000
7-Person	\$29,560 (\$31,116)	\$537,000
8-Person	\$31,620 (\$33,284)	\$563,000
9-Person	\$35,360 (\$37,221)	\$622,000
10-Person and above	\$37,150 (\$39,105)	\$670,000

^{*} Asset limits for elderly households (including both nuclear and non-nuclear households comprising solely elderly members) are set at two times of the limits for non-elderly applicants.

Figures in ($\,$) denote the effective income limits should a household be contributing 5% of its income under the MPF Scheme as required by the law.