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Ms Elyssa WONG
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Panel on Health Services
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Dear Ms WONG,

Panel on Health Services

**Supplementary Information on the "Approved Person" system adopted by
the Hospital Authority for the dispensaries of its
General Outpatient Clinics**

At the meeting of the Panel on Health Services held on 10 July 2012, the Hospital Authority (HA) undertook to provide the "Approved Persons" (AP) with the relevant information on their scope of responsibilities. Also, the Administration and HA were requested to explain clearly to the dispenser grade staff the direction of manpower planning and deployment for GOPC pharmacies. The consolidated response of the Administration and HA is as follows.

In June 2012, HA has already issued a letter to all concerned Senior Dispensers (SDs) to notify them of the Director of Health (DoH)'s approval for extending their AP status until 30 June 2013. After the Panel

meeting on 10 July 2012, HA issued a further letter to the SDs in August 2012, enclosing DoH's approval letter and relevant extracts of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (Cap. 134) and the Pharmacy and Poisons Regulations (Cap. 138A) pertaining to matters in respect of AP to equip them with information on the roles and responsibilities of an AP.

HA has been maintaining dialogues with the dispenser grade staff through various human resources management strategies, including the regular staff union meetings. HA will keep the dispenser grade staff informed of the direction of manpower planning and deployment for GOPC pharmacies in its next staff union meeting to be held in the fourth quarter of 2012. HA will endeavour to provide relevant information in response to any further enquiries as appropriate.

Yours sincerely,



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