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Ms Elyssa WONG
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Panel on Health Services
Legislative Council Complex,
1 Legislative Council Road,
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Elyssa,

**Monitoring of Charging Policy
of Private Hospitals for Obstetric Services**

I refer to item 9 of the LC Paper No. CB(2) 712/11-12(02). At the Panel meeting held on 12 December 2011, the Administration was requested to provide the financial information related to the business of the private hospitals for the past five to ten years. Our response is set out below.

The Department of Health (DH) registers private hospitals subject to conditions relating to accommodation, staffing or equipment in accordance with the Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Maternity Homes Registration Ordinance, Cap. 165. DH has issued the "Code of Practice for Private Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Maternity Homes" (the Code) to set out the standards of good practice for private hospitals to adopt in order to provide quality care to patients. Private hospitals are required to submit audited financial report information to DH under

the Code. The Administration is unable to disclose the financial reports of private hospitals, which contain confidential information, in the absence of consent by private hospitals.

Yours sincerely,



(Estrella CHEUNG)
for Secretary for Food and Health

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(Attn : Dr Tina MOK)