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Ms Maisie LAM
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Dear Ms LAM,

**Panel on Health Services
Subcommittee on Health Protection Scheme**

Follow-up to the meeting on 15 April 2014

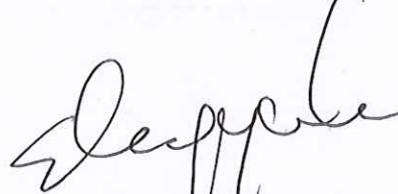
I refer to your letter of 8 July 2014.

With regard to your enquiry about the latest development concerning the Health Protection Scheme (HPS), the Administration is in the process of finalizing the latest proposal for the implementation of the HPS. Our current plan is to put forth the HPS proposal for public consultation in the third / fourth quarter of 2014, in conjunction with the public consultation exercise on the regulation of private healthcare facilities. Subject to views of the community on the HPS proposal, we will proceed with the legislative work for implementing the HPS.

As regards healthcare manpower planning and projection, at the Subcommittee meeting on 15 April 2014, we informed Members of a manpower projection model for doctors developed by the University of Hong Kong and explained the workings of the complex model. Subsequent to the meeting, the University has completed construction of the corresponding manpower projection models for dentists and nurses. It is now in the process of testing the models using profession-specific utilization data.

Regarding the supplementary information requested in Appendix to your letter, we will provide the information as soon as practicable before the next Subcommittee meeting.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheung-yuen LEE', written in a cursive style.

(Sheung-yuen LEE)

for Secretary for Food and Health

c.c. Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau, Chairman