

**Response by Labour and Welfare Bureau
Chapters 9 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 65
Support for Self-reliance Scheme**

Paragraph 2.6, table 3, and paragraphs 5.5 and 5.6 of the Report

Response to Question 1

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) attaches great importance to facilitating employment of those who are able to work, promoting their self-reliance and enabling them to realise their potential with a view to driving our economic development and easing the impact of an ageing population. The Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA), which is tied to employment and working hours to encourage self-reliance, will be launched in May 2016. We will conduct an evaluation of LIFA one year after its implementation, and will in tandem consider the future of the Support for Self-reliance Scheme in that context.