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Clerk
Public Accounts Committee
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central
Hong Kong
(Attn: Mr Anthony Chu)

Dear Mr Chu,

**Legislative Council
Public Accounts Committee**

**Consideration of Chapter 2 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 67
Funding of universities by the University Grants Committee**

I refer to your letter of 18 January 2017 to the Secretary for Education. The requested information is now set out at Annex for reference by the Public Accounts Committee.

Yours sincerely,

(Sharon Ko)

for Secretary for Education

cc
Secretary-General, University Grants Committee
Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Attn: Mr Raistlin Lau)
Director of Audit

**Legislative Council
Public Accounts Committee (PAC)**

**Supplementary information provided by the Secretary for Education in
response to the letter from the Clerk to the PAC dated 18 January 2017**

Supplementary information requested

Statistics on Mainland students of UGC-funded undergraduate programmes who have remained to work/stay in Hong Kong after graduating for the past five years

Response from the Secretary for Education

At present, the Immigration Department (ImmD) administers the “Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates (IANG)”, which allows non-local students who have obtained an undergraduate or higher qualification in a full-time and locally-accredited local programme in Hong Kong to apply to stay/return and work in Hong Kong. Both non-local fresh graduates (i.e. non-local graduates who submit applications to ImmD within six months after graduation) and returning non-local graduates (i.e. non-local graduates who submit applications to ImmD beyond six months after graduation) are eligible under the scheme.

According to ImmD, the number of approved IANG applications since April 2015 from Mainland residents who have obtained bachelor’s degree or equivalent are tabulated below:

	2015 (April to December)	2016
Bachelor’s degree	2 159	1 273
Other academic qualifications at degree level or equivalent	22	19

According to ImmD, the above breakdown statistics are not readily available for the period before April 2015. Besides, breakdown statistics by source of funding (University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded and non-UGC-funded) are not readily available.

For reference purpose, the total number of approved IANG applications from Mainland residents since 2012 (including graduates from both UGC-funded and non-UGC-funded undergraduate and postgraduate programmes) is also provided as follows:

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total number of approved IANG applications from Mainland residents	6 428	8 187	9 714	9 541	8 611