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Legislative Council Secretariat
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Dear Mr HO,

Panel on Home Affairs
Follow-up to the Meeting on 26 June 2017

At the meeting of the Panel on Home Affairs held on 26 June 2017, a Member requested the Community Care Fund to provide supplementary information on the “Pilot scheme on relaxing the household income limit of the “Fee-waiving Subsidy Scheme under the After School Care Programme” for low-income families and increasing fee-waiving subsidy places”. The Pilot scheme is implemented by the Social Welfare Department which has provided the relevant information in the Annex.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Au'.

(Nick AU YEUNG)

for Secretary for Home Affairs

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c.c. Director of Social Welfare
(Attn: Ms Celia Chiu)

**Supplementary information on the
Community Care Fund’s “Pilot scheme on
relaxing the household income limit of the “Fee-waiving Subsidy
Scheme under the After School Care Programme” for
low-income families and increasing fee-waiving subsidy places”**

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides fee-waiving and fee-reduction subsidies through the Fee Waiving Subsidies Scheme to children from disadvantaged families using the After School Care Programme (ASCP). Applicants with monthly income at or below 55% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income (MMDHI) is eligible for full fee-waiving while those with monthly income above 55% but not exceeding 75% of the MMDHI is eligible for half fee-reduction. At present, SWD provides over 1 700 full fee-waiving places (i.e. equivalent to 3 400 half fee-reduction places) to needy families.

To provide more support for the low-income families, the Government launched through the Community Care Fund the three-year “Pilot scheme on relaxing the household income limit of the “Fee-waiving Subsidy Scheme under the After School Care Programme” for low-income families and increasing fee-waiving subsidy places” (Pilot Scheme) in October 2017. With the provision of \$52 million, the Pilot Scheme can provide additional 2 000 full fee-waiving places (i.e. benefit over 3 000 needy children) and relax the income limit for applicants with monthly household income above 75% but not exceeding 100% of the MMDHI to receive a one-third fee-reduction for ASCP service. As at August 2018, there were 387 beneficiaries under the Pilot Scheme (i.e. covering those using full fee-waiving, half fee-reduction and one-third fee reduction places). The utilisation rate was around 13% out of the expected 3 000 beneficiaries. The Government will continue to review the service needs and eligibility criteria to provide appropriate support for the needy families.

Social Welfare Department
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