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Dear Ms Lam,

**Legislative Council Panel on Health Services
Dutiable Commodities (Amendment) Bill 2017**

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Health Services (the Panel) held on 25 April 2017, the Panel requested for information on (a) the annual number of new alcohol abuse cases involving patients aged under 18 receiving treatment at the relevant clinics managed by Hospital Authority (HA) (such as the Tuen Mun Alcohol Problems Clinic) in the past five years, and the age of the youngest patient(s) involved; and (b) the annual number of those cases referred to in (a) above who were referred to receive inpatient alcohol treatment services at public hospitals. Our reply is as follows-

The table below sets out the number of patients (aged under 18) diagnosed with alcohol related disorders (ICD-F10) treated in the psychiatric specialist outpatient clinics (SOPCs) in the (HA) in the past five years (i.e. from 2012-13 to 2016-17 (provisional figures)).

	Number of patients (aged under 18) diagnosed with alcohol related disorders treated in the SOPCs
2012-13	10
2013-14	10
2014-15	<5
2015-16	<5
2016-17 (Provisional figures)	<5

Notes:

- 1) Figures are rounded to the nearest ten.
- 2) Refer to age as at 30 June of the reporting year.
- 3) In general, patients with primary diagnosis of mental and behavioural disorders due to use of alcohol are treated in the psychiatric SOPCs. For patients who have drinking problem but with primary diagnose of medical condition other than alcohol related disorder, they are not included in the figures set out in the table above; HA does not maintain such statistics.

HA does not maintain statistics on the number of patients newly diagnosed with alcohol related disorders nor the number of patients diagnosed with alcohol related disorders who were referred to receive inpatient alcohol treatment services at public hospitals in the past five years. Given the small number of patients involved, the age of the youngest patient is not displayed in the table with a view to ensuring that no individual patient can be identified from the information set out in the table.

Yours sincerely,



(Ms Wendy AU)
for Secretary for Food and Health