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Clerk to Panel on Public Service Legislative Council Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong (Attn: Ms Wendy JAN)

Dear Ms JAN,

Panel on Public Service Joint letter from Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan and Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT

I refer to your letter dated 24 March 2017 to the Secretary for the Civil Service attaching a joint letter dated 20 March 2017 from Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan and Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT. In respect of matters concerning defamatory remarks made against Correctional Services Officers raised therein, I have been authorised to reply as set out below.

As stated in our letter of 2 March 2017, the Correctional Services Department had looked into the matter immediately and clarified the situation in two press releases issued on 3 January 2017 and 20 January 2017 respectively, so as to set the record straight, provide the public with the relevant facts to facilitate their understanding of the case and correct

any false allegations made against the officers concerned. We note that the Correctional Services Department, after considering all relevant factors, currently has no plan to take further action on the case.

We would like to reiterate that civil servants always discharge their duties in an impartial manner to serve the public, and they should be treated respectfully. No one should make false allegations against any public officer based on unconfirmed information.

We are grateful to the two Hon Legislative Council members again for their concern on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Fiona YEUNG) for Secretary for the Civil Service

cc: Hon KWOK Wai-keung, Chairman of Panel on Public Service, Legislative Council