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Clerk to the Establishment Subcommittee
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1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong
(Attn: Mr Keith WONG)

Dear Mr WONG,

**Establishment Subcommittee
Follow-up to the meeting on 9 April 2018
EC(2017-18)21**

Thank you for your letter of 11 April 2018 to the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau on the above subject. The supplementary information as requested by Members for Paper No. EC(2017-18)21 on the proposed creation of one permanent post of Administrative Officer Staff Grade C in the Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau is set out below.

Success rate of drug treatment programmes of Drug Addiction Treatment Centres operated by the Correctional Services Department

The Drug Addiction Treatment Centres (DATCs) as operated by the Correctional Services Department (CSD) admit persons aged 14 or above who

are addicted to drugs and convicted of offences punishable with imprisonment. Released inmates having completed the treatment and rehabilitation programmes in DATCs are subject to a 12-month post-release supervision during which CSD will provide assistance to supervisees regarding relapse prevention, adaptation to society, employment, etc. A case is considered successful if the supervisee is able to meet the requirements of not relapsing to drug abuse and not having committed any offence against the laws of Hong Kong during the supervision period. The success rate is affected by many factors, including supervisees' drug abuse history, their motivation and determination to stay away from drugs, the availability of support to them and peer influences. The success rate in 2017 was 53.4%.

Number of confirmed case(s) of drug taking student(s) as identified under the Healthy School Programme with a Drug Testing Component since implementation

There has been one confirmed case of drug taking student as identified under the Healthy School Programme with a Drug Testing Component since implementation. A support programme has been formulated to help the student quit drug.

Drug treatment and rehabilitation centres yet to meet statutory licensing requirements

At present, 11 out of the existing 37 drug treatment and rehabilitation centres (DTRCs) have yet to be licensed under the Drug Dependent Persons Treatment and Rehabilitation Centres (Licensing) Ordinance (Cap. 566), and are operating on certificates of exemption. For these 11 DTRCs to meet the statutory licensing requirements, three are at different stages of taking forward in-situ upgrading projects, including carrying out preparatory work, conducting technical feasibility study, and undertaking actual works respectively. The other eight need to be reprovisioned to new sites, with some having identified suitable sites and are carrying out preparatory work, and some still in the process of identifying suitable sites. The Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau has been providing assistance to these 11 DTRCs in carrying out their upgrading or

reprovisioning projects, including searching for suitable sites; assessing preliminary feasibility; resolving land, planning and other technical issues; coordinating with government departments concerned; and consulting the local communities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Manda Chan', written in a cursive style.

(Ms Manda CHAN)
for Secretary for Security

c.c. Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
(Attn: Ms Almaz LEUNG)