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Dear Ms LAM,

Panel on Health Services

Motion passed at the meeting on 19 March 2018

I refer to your letter dated 21 March 2018 requesting the Administration to respond to the motion moved by the Hon Starry Lee and was passed at the above meeting. Our response is set out at **Annex**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kevin Ng'.

(Kevin Ng)

for Secretary for Food and Health

c.c. Chief Executive, Hospital Authority
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(1) To improve the healthcare services in Wong Tai Sin (WTS) district, the Hospital Authority (HA) has mapped out the future service development in the district, based on the recommendations in the Clinical Services Plan for the Kowloon Central Cluster (KCC). The acute services of WTS district will be provided by the new acute hospital (NAH) in the Kai Tak Development Area. A full range of healthcare services for residents in WTS will be provided through a network of hospitals, comprising the NAH and the existing Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital (OLMH), Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital (HKBH) and Wong Tai Sin Hospital (WTSH).

After evaluating and assessing the long-term development of OLMH, HA has affirmed that OLMH should be a non-acute hospital focusing on providing ambulatory and day services. The redevelopment of OLMH will further strengthen the ambulatory healthcare facilities to meet the needs of people in the district.

According to the Government's Ten-year Hospital Development Plan, the redevelopment of OLMH is expected to be carried out between 2020 to 2024. The redevelopment of OLMH is a large scale in-situ hospital redevelopment project. In view of the complexity of the project, HA needs to carry out the project in stages to ensure that the redevelopment will not affect the clinical services of the hospital.

In addition, the redevelopment project involves a series of procedures, including investigation works, site survey, formulating the outline design, tender invitation, funding application, etc. HA will expedite the design, preparation of drawings and tender documents so as to commence the project as early as possible.

The HA values highly of the suggestion from WTS residents and community representatives to extend the service hours of the OLMH Family Medicine Clinic (FMC). During the OLMH redevelopment, the general outpatient services of OLMH FMC would not be affected. Upon completion, the capacity of general outpatient services would be strengthened and it is anticipated that around 20,000 additional consultation quotes can be provided subject to the manpower and resources circumstances. Providing that the Accident & Emergency (A&E) services of the NAH in Kai Tak New Development Area are not yet commenced by the time OLMH's redevelopment is completed, HA, according to the service needs of the WTS residents, will implement a pilot scheme to extend the service hours for

evening clinic to 12:00 midnight in OLMH to serve the local community until A&E services of NAH commenced.

The HA will continue to closely monitor the operation and service utilisation of its clinics in WTS district, and flexibly deploy manpower and other resources to ensure that primary care services could be appropriately provided for WTS residents.

(2) Taking into consideration other hospital redevelopment projects within the district and the decanting arrangement, some of the planned facilities in the OLMH may be relocated to make space for exploring the feasibility of provision of additional hospital beds. For example, the sterilization of medical and surgical instruments of the OLMH after redevelopment will be provided by the NAH. According to the preliminary technical assessment, the planned bed capacity of the redeveloped OLMH will be increased from 236 beds to 292 beds, including an additional 40 inpatient beds¹ and 16 day beds. Apart from the inpatient services for medicine, surgery, gynaecology, orthopaedics and palliative care, a new haemodialysis centre will also be established in the redeveloped OLMH for patients in need. OLMH will continue to offer diagnostic and ancillary services such as diagnostic radiography, computed tomography scanning, ultrasound scanning, cardiac diagnostic and care centre, endoscopic service, physiotherapy and occupational therapy to the community.

(3) The OLMH, together with WTSH and HKBH will form a service network with the NAH to integrate and coordinate the patient pathway from hospital to community care.

The OLMH provides services covering several specialties and is equipped with advanced diagnostic and ancillary facilities. It is also a training centre for Family Medicine and supporting the GOPCs in WTS district, including an effective referral mechanism for direct hospital admission from clinic. After redevelopment, OLMH will partner with WTSH and HKBH (with a planned provision of 130 additional beds) to provide 1 200 beds in total to improve the healthcare services for the residents in WTS district.

In addition, the WTSH, which is in the vicinity of OLMH, was constructed over 50 years ago and some of the facilities in the hospital are ageing. HA will

¹ Taking into consideration the feedback received during the District Council consultation process, the number of inpatient beds is increased by 40 compared to that in the original plan.

commence the study for preparing the redevelopment of WTSH after the redevelopment plan of OLMH is implemented. The adjoining site of WTSH will be included in the planning to explore the feasibility of increasing bed capacity of the hospital. The WTSH and OLMH will be developed into a hospital group with increased service capacity including provision of additional beds, specialist and outpatient services.

Under the redevelopment project of OLMH, space and facilities will be reserved for the construction of a pedestrian walkway linking with WTSH, with a view to improving patient pathway and related services in the two hospitals.