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Miss Betty MA
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Dear Miss Ma,

**Follow up to Meeting of Panel on Manpower on
15 May 2018**

The Panel on Manpower discussed the draft Talent List at the captioned meeting, and raised the question as to why the quotas under the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme had not been utilised in the past years. Our reply is provided in the following paragraphs.

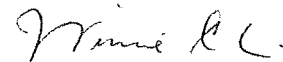
Quality Migrant Admission Scheme (Scheme) was launched in June 2006 to attract highly skilled or talented persons to settle in Hong Kong in order to enhance Hong Kong's economic competitiveness. The Scheme is a quota-based entrant scheme for settlement. All applicants are required to fulfill a set of prerequisites to become eligible for application. The Advisory Committee on Admission of Quality Migrants and Professionals will consider the socio-economic needs of Hong Kong, the sectoral mix of candidates and other relevant sectors, and recommend how best to allocate available quota to the most meritorious applicants in each selection exercise.

In May 2015, the Government refined the Scheme, including relaxing the stay arrangements for its entrants and refining its scoring scheme to attract quality young talents with an outstanding educational background or international work experience. Comparing with 2015, there has been an increase in the number of QMAS applicants who were successfully allotted with quotas by 30% in 2016 and 50% in 2017.

To ensure that the Scheme is in line with Hong Kong's overall development, the Government will review the Scheme from time to time according to Hong Kong's actual situation and socio-economic development needs.

I should be grateful if you could forward the above information to Members for reference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Winnie Chui'.

(Winnie Chui)
for Secretary for Security

c.c.: Labour and Welfare Bureau
(Attn: Mr Daniel FONG)