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Hon Christopher Cheung Wah-fung, SBS, JP
Chairman of Panel on Financial Affairs
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
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Dear Hon Cheung,

**The Centralized Platform for the administration of
Mandatory Provident Fund (“MPF”) registered schemes**

I refer to the email from the Secretariat of the Panel on Financial Affairs of the Legislative Council dated 24 December 2018 regarding the letter from Hon James TO and Hon WU Chi-wai dated 21 December 2018 on the implementation of the Centralized Platform (“CP”). Our reply is as follows:

The Government and the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority keep an open-mind on the option of using the Next Generation Government Cloud (“GovCloud”) as the infrastructure for hosting the CP. The Government is currently conducting preparatory work such as tendering for the GovCloud, and hence the relevant implementation details have yet to be finalized. In formulating tendering strategies for the CP, we will consider different options for hosting the CP, including using the GovCloud, data centre hosting service or self-built data centre, etc. The guiding principle for selecting the hosting platform and the tender assessment criteria is that the CP must be a secure, reliable, and cost-effective platform to facilitate standardization, streamlining and automation of MPF scheme administration processes. Meanwhile, the protection of personal and sensitive data in the system is also one of the most important factors.

If the GovCloud is to be used for hosting the CP, it is expected that the data centre setup and maintenance costs under Item (e), “Miscellaneous and Contingency”, and Item (f), “Maintenance, communication network and related expenditure”, under paragraph 22 of LC Paper No. CB(1)309/18-19(04) may be reduced. On the other hand, new cost items including service setup charge and/or subscription fee for the GovCloud will be incurred. At the stage, we do not have information for a quantitative assessment on the cost implications of using the GovCloud to host the CP. We will continue to maintain close liaison with the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer to explore the feasibility, non-recurrent and recurrent costs required, and other relevant considerations of using the GovCloud for hosting the CP.

Yours sincerely,



(Joan Hung)

for Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

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