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Clerk to Panel on Health Services
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong
(Attn.: Miss Kay Chu)

Dear Miss Chu,

Follow-up on Meeting of Panel on Health Services on 17 December 2018

**Item IV: Collaboration-referral mechanism
between Department of Health and Hospital Authority in respect of
dermatological services provided by Department of Health**

Having consulted the Department of Health (“DH”), below please find the supplementary information requested at the captioned meeting and agenda item.

The total number of attendances in DH’s Social Hygiene Service (“SHS”) in the past five years are 245 800 (2014), 248 100 (2015), 244 200 (2016), 236 200 (2017), and 216 900 (2018). Starting from 2018, the Clinical Information Management System of the SHS of the DH can support more comprehensive analysis of the age distribution of the total number of attendances for dermatology outpatient services. According to the 2018 data retrieved from the System, the attendances of those below 20 accounted for about 7.3% of the total number of attendances for dermatology outpatient services in 2018.

Common skin diseases diagnosed in children and adolescents include various types of eczemas, common warts, acne, fungal infection, naevus and disorders of pigments, nail or hair. The SHS of the DH does not capture breakdown by types of skin diseases and the number of attendances of children and adolescents for the past five years.

Yours sincerely,



(Ronald Ho)

for Secretary for Food and Health

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