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Clerk to Panel on Public Service
(Attn.: Ms Maggie CHUNG)
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
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Dear Ms CHUNG,

Regarding the submission from the Coalition of Civil Servants on Medical and Dental Benefits for Civil Service Eligible Persons to the Chairman of the Panel on Public Service (the Panel) dated 21 January 2019, this Bureau's written response is set out below.

As announced by the Chief Executive in the 2018 Policy Address, the Government will introduce Chinese medicine as part of the civil service medical benefits. We are exploring from various aspects how to incorporate designated Chinese medicine services into civil service medical benefits, including the scope of services, the form of services, the operational arrangements, the scale of the pilot scheme, and financial arrangements, etc. In the process, we need to take into account the existing mode of operation of different components of the civil service medical benefits and resource consideration.

We are actively carrying out the relevant work and look forward to implementing the arrangements as soon as possible. We will report to the Panel on the latest development of the relevant issues at an appropriate time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Winnie Tse', written in a cursive style.

(Miss Winnie TSE)

for Secretary for the Civil Service

c.c. Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai
Chairman, Legislative Council Panel on Public Service

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