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(Attn: Mr Derek LO)

Dear Mr LO,

**Follow-up Question by Hon SHIU Ka-chun on Agenda Item
'Review of Income and Asset Limits for
Public Rental Housing for 2020-21'**

Thank you for your letter of 9 March 2020, attaching a letter of Hon SHIU Ka-chun concerning the captioned subject. With respect to the issue of cash allowance as enquired by Hon SHIU, our response is set out as follows.

The Government understands that a number of families are facing heavy rents or living in unpleasant environments over a long period of time. The Government has remained committed to increasing housing land supply and expediting the production of public housing units in an effort to effectively address the long term housing needs of the grassroots households.

As it takes time to identify land for housing construction, before reaching the long term land and housing supply targets, to alleviate the pressure on livelihood faced by the low-income households, the Government

announced on 14 January 2020 that it will, on a trial basis, provide cash allowance to eligible General Applicant households (i.e. families with two or more persons and elderly single-person applicants) who are not living in public housing, not receiving the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance and have been waiting for public rental housing (PRH) for more than three years, until these households are offered the first PRH allocation. The Government is working out the details of the trial scheme for the provision of cash allowance, with a view to launching the trial scheme in the second half of 2021. When formulating the details of the trial scheme, the Government would make reference to the arrangement of other subsidy schemes and take into account views of various stakeholders.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Transport and Housing

cc. Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH
(Chairman of Panel on Housing, Legislative Council)