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Clerk to the
Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services and Panel on Health Services
Joint Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong
(Attn.: Ms Catherina YU)

Dear Ms YU,

Elderly Services and Gerontechnology

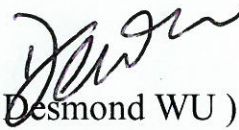
The Government briefed the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services and Panel on Health Services Joint Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy the progress in promoting the application of gerontechnology in elderly services on 1 June 2020. We write to provide the supplementary information as requested by the Subcommittee as follows.

2. In December 2018, the Government established the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund), allowing all non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and private organisations currently receiving subsidies from the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and providing residential care services for the elderly or persons with disabilities, community care and support services for the elderly, and day rehabilitation and community support services to apply for procuring / renting or trying out technology products. Organisations applying for the I&T Fund may apply for procuring / renting items on the reference list of Recognised Technology Application Products.

3. Since the launch of the I&T Fund, two rounds of applications were received in 2019. A total of 772 service units were subsidised to procure or rent technology products. Amongst them, the number of NGOs and private organisations currently receiving subsidies from SWD to provide services were 648 and 124 respectively.

4. A total of 2 953 technology products were approved, over 60% were equipment, assessment tools and accessories for occupational therapy / physiotherapy / speech therapy; hospital beds; medical equipment and supplies; equipment and accessories for multi-sensory therapy; and near-field communication device.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Labour and Welfare

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