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Clerk to Panel on Public Service
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong
(Attn: Ms Maggie CHUNG)

Dear Ms CHUNG,

**Legislative Council Panel on Public Service
Letter from Dr Hon Pierre CHAN**

I refer to your letter dated 18 December 2019 attaching the letter from Dr Hon Pierre CHAN requesting for information related to medical benefits for civil service eligible persons. Please find at **Annex** the requested information.

Yours sincerely,



(Miss Sharon Ko)
for Secretary for the Civil Service

Encl.

- (1) The annual subvention provided by the Government to Hospital Authority (HA) has included the resources required for the provision of medical benefits to civil service eligible persons (CSEPs). The expenditure calculated on the basis of attendances by CSEPs using HA services and the average unit cost of service provision in the past five financial years are set out in the table below:

	2014-15 (\$million)	2015-16 (\$million)	2016-17 (\$million)	2017-18 (\$million)	2018-19 (Revised Estimate) (\$million)
General Outpatient (GOP) services	283	313	355	371	395
Specialist Outpatient (SOP) services	1,319	1,400	1,505	1,565	1,661
Accident and emergency (A&E) services	156	169	182	194	210
Inpatient services	2,015	2,191	2,337	2,360	2,565
Other services	108	118	128	137	143
Total*	3,881	4,191	4,505	4,627	4,975

* Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding.

- (2) Apart from the annual lump sum provision, the Government also provides dedicated funding to HA to enhance the provision of services for CSEPs, including provision of dedicated SOP services at 9H Specialist Clinic (9HSC) in the Prince of Wales Hospital (PWH), L Block of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH) and Saturday SOP Clinic in the Queen Mary Hospital (QMH), as well as diagnostic services at the Block G Imaging Centre in QEH. Between 2014-15 and 2017-18, the annual dedicated funding amount to around \$83 million. In 2018-19, the dedicated funding has increased to around \$87 million to extend the service hours of Magnetic Resonance Imaging and introduce mammographic service at the Block G Imaging Centre in QEH.

- (3) Statistics on the utilisation of HA's GOP, SOP, A&E and inpatient services by CSEPs in the past five financial years are set out in the table below:

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GOP services attendances^	776 000	796 000	809 000	808 000	807 000
SOP services attendances^	1 109 000	1 131 000	1 202 000	1 230 000	1 277 000
A&E attendances^	138 000	139 000	140 000	139 000	140 000
Inpatient patient days^	383 000	393 000	415 000	405 000	410 000

^ The number of attendances and the number of patient days are rounded to the nearest thousand.

- (4) SOP services are provided by the 9HSC in PWH, L Block of QEH and Saturday SOP Clinic in QMH under HA for the exclusive use of CSEPs. The median waiting time for new cases in major specialties in the past five financial years is set out as follows -

9HSC in PWH

Specialty	Median Waiting Time (Week)				
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Ear, Nose & Throat	1	1	1	6	2
Gynaecology	4	6	7	6	6
Medicine	6	7	12	13	44
Orthopaedics & Traumatology	3	6	8	23	32
Paediatrics	1	1	1	1	1
Surgery	1	1	1	5	4

L Block of QEH

Specialty	Median Waiting Time (Week)				
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Medicine	103	103	99	97	105
Surgery	40	45	48	44	39
Gynaecology	24	26	39	41	37
Paediatrics	6	1	2	3	2
Orthopaedics & Traumatology	44	47	52	49	43

Saturday SOP Clinic in QMH

Specialty	Median Waiting Time (Week)				
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Medicine	9	9	9	8	7
Surgery	5	4	8	7	6

The requested data on number of new cases and longest (90th percentile) waiting time for relevant specialist out-patient services under the HA are not readily available.