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Clerk to Finance Committee Legislative Council Finance Committee Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong

(Attn.: Ms Ada LAU)

Dear Ms Lau,

Legislative Council Finance Committee Follow-up on the meeting held on 23 April 2021

At the Finance Committee meeting on 23 April 2021, Hon LUK Chung-hung requested the Legal Aid Department (LAD) to provide information on the expenditure incurred every year for obtaining independent legal opinion for judicial review (JR) cases. The information requested is set out in the <u>Annex</u>.

Yours sincerely,

(Steve YF Wong) for Director of Legal Aid

c.c. Chief Secretary for Administration's Office (Attn.: Miss Irene HY Cheung)

The expenditure incurred by the LAD in the past 5 financial years for obtaining independent legal opinion on legal aid applications for JR cases	
Financial Year	Total Expenditure (HK\$)
2016-17	2,399,200
2017-18	1,806,625
2018-19	1,579,000
2019-20	2,632,700
2020-21	2.255.500