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Dear Ms NG,

**Legislative Council Panel on Health Services
Utilization Rate of the Hotel Rooms under the Designated Quarantine Hotel
Scheme and Percentage of Inbound Travellers who were Tested Positive for
COVID-19**

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Health Services held on 8 January 2021, Members requested the Administration to advise the utilization rate of the hotel rooms under the Designated Quarantine Hotel Scheme (“the Scheme”) and the percentage of inbound travellers who were tested positive for COVID-19 during or after the quarantine period since the implementation of the Scheme on 22 December 2020. I am authorised to reply as follows.

Utilization rate of the hotel rooms under the Scheme

To prevent the importation of COVID-19 cases and reduce contacts between arrivals and the local community, the Government fully implemented the Scheme and the attending designated point-to-point transportation arrangement on 22 December 2020, requiring arrivals from specified places to undergo compulsory quarantine at designated quarantine hotels (“DQHs”) for a

stipulated period before entering the community. There were 36 DQHs for the first cycle (22 December 2020 to 19 February 2021) and second cycle (20 February to 20 April 2021); and 30 DQHs for the third cycle (21 April to 19 June 2021) of the Scheme. The fourth cycle covers the period from 20 June to 31 August 2021. It originally has 31 hotels but in response to the booking demand in the past couple of weeks, the Government has increased the total number of hotels to 34 for the fourth cycle.

The average occupancy rates of the participating DQHs in the first, second and third cycles of the Scheme were around 50%, 60% and 70% respectively. As for the fourth cycle, the projected average occupancy rate is around 74% as at 25 June 2021.

Percentage of inbound travellers who were tested positive

As at 25 June 2021, there are 364 confirmed positive cases identified during the inbound travellers' stay at DQHs. This represents 0.53% of the total number of inbound travellers staying in DQHs since the Scheme was fully launched on 22 December 2020.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Food and Health