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1 Legislative Council Road
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(Attn.: Ms Maggie CHUNG)

Dear Ms Chung,

**Implementation Progress of Declaration Arrangements
for Government Staff
Appointed on Non-Civil Service Terms**

Thank you for your letter dated 15 June 2021, attaching a letter from the Hon LUK Chung-hung regarding the declaration arrangements for government staff appointed on non-civil service terms. Reply from this bureau is as follows.

The Civil Service Bureau (“CSB”) has issued a circular to all bureaux and departments (“B/Ds”) on 21 May 2021 requiring staff appointed on non-civil service terms by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China (“HKSAR”) on or

after 1 July 2020 to sign a declaration that they will uphold the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China ("Basic Law"), bear allegiance to the HKSAR, be dedicated to their duties and be responsible to the HKSAR Government. The concerned staff should duly sign and return to their respective B/Ds the declaration within three weeks after the issuance of the letter requiring them to sign the declaration. Respective B/Ds are collating the declaration collected and following up on cases of failure to sign the declaration by the deadline. CSB is consolidating the information of B/Ds and plans to report to the Panel within the current Legislative Council session.

The Hon LUK has also proposed in his letter to extend the declaration requirement to the employees of government-funded bodies. Article 6 of "The Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" stipulates that a resident of the HKSAR who assumes public office shall confirm in writing or take an oath to uphold the Basic Law and bear allegiance to the HKSAR. The Government is conducting detailed study regarding the implementation of the relevant requirements and will announce the detailed arrangements in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Linda Leung', written in a cursive style.

(Miss Linda LEUNG)
for Secretary for the Civil Service