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Miss Flora Tai  
Clerk to Select Committee  
Legislative Council

Dear Miss Tai

Select Committee to inquire into the handling of  
the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome outbreak by  
the Government and the Hospital Authority

Your letter dated 8 April refers.

The meeting at around noon on 26 March 2003 discussed on a preliminary basis the possibility of admitting all new SARS patients to PMH. The immediate key issue was whether PMH could take up this task. Dr. Yan was not involved as this discussion was preliminary and ICU then had the capacity to expand within a short time to 2 wards/34 beds.

After the meeting in the HAHO in the afternoon of 26 March 2003, there was a more definite plan for PMH designation. An urgent ad hoc meeting was held in the morning of 27 March 2003 to discuss the immediate arrangement. Dr. Yan and other department heads were consulted at this meeting.



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The daily admission of SARS patients to ICU in PMH from 29 March to 7 April 2003 were as follows:

Date	New SARS to ICU
29/3/03	5
30/3/03	2
31/3/03	3
1/4/03	10
2/4/03	7
3/4/03	6
4/4/03	8
5/4/03	4
6/4/03	6
7/4/03	4

Yours sincerely,

(Dr Lily Chiu)

Cluster Chief Executive (Kowloon West)/  
 Hospital Chief Executive  
 Princess Margaret Hospital