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Your ref.: CB2/SC2

Miss Flora Tai
Clerk to Select Committee
Legislative Council, HKSAR
Legislative Council Building
Central, Hong Kong

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 29th April 2004 refers.

The answers to the questions raised by Select Committee are as follows :-

- (a) The SARS outbreak in F6 ward was noted in the late evening of 12.4.2003 when two health care workers (HCWs) were admitted to PWH and one HCW was admitted to AHNH.

Only one HCW in F5 was admitted to AHNH on 15.4.2003. It was not considered as an outbreak though the ward was immediately closed as a step up measure.

No patient had been transferred from F6 or F5 to TPH since 12.4.2003 and 15.4.2003 respectively.

- (b) NTEC senior management (including TPH) was kept informed of the SARS infection situation in AHNH since early April 2003. There was a clear understanding between AHNH and TPH that TPH would treat all patients transferred from AHNH with extra caution since AHNH was then hard hit by SARS. Both AHNH and TPH implemented vigilant screening and monitoring of cases, irrespective of which wards the patients came from.

- (c) Please refer to the answer in (b) above.

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Yours sincerely,

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