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Miss Flora Tai
Clerk to Select Committee
Legislative Council
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
of the People's Republic of China
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Dear Miss Tai.

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

I refer to your letter dated 24 May 2004.

There was no new admission to Ward 8A on 11 March 2003. According to our records, one patient was transferred to Ward 8A from the private ward on 11 March. This patient suffered from diabetes and was first admitted to 8A on 27 February 2003 because of gastro-intestinal bleeding. An oesophageal-gastro-duodenoscopy (OGD) procedure was performed on the same day. On 6 March 2003, he was transferred to 10F at 4.00 pm. The patient was noted to have fever and chest X-ray showed right lower zone consolidation on 11 March. He was transferred back to 8A for cohorting because of suspected atypical pneumonia and his strong epidemiological link withWard 8A.

Yours sincerely,

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