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(Attn : Ms Rosalind MA)

Dear Ms Ma,

Recruitment of Ambulancemen

Thank you for your letter of 16 February 2004. As requested, I provide the Administration's response as follows.

The approval granted to the Fire Services Department to proceed with open recruitment was to fill 70 Station Officer, Fireman and/or Ambulanceman posts, subject to a maximum of 15 Station Officers. This arrangement will allow the Department flexibility in working out its intake plan which can best address its operational needs. Having critically examined its vacancy position, natural wastage and operational needs, the Fire Services Department decided to fill 28 Ambulanceman, 27 Fireman and 15 Station Officer posts. The decision is in line with the approval granted.

Yours sincerely,

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