<u>Caring and Sharing Scheme application</u> <u>acknowledgements issued</u>

A Government spokesman said today (May 20) that the Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO) had received about 3.44 million applications under the Caring and Sharing Scheme by the application deadline (April 30) and issued acknowledgements to all applicants. Applicants who have yet to receive acknowledgement should make enquiries with the WFAO on or before June 30 by calling the hotline at 3897 1088 or emailing careandshare@wfsfaa.gov.hk. Should the WFAO confirm that their applications have not been received, they will be allowed to re-submit.

In respect of the applications received, the WFAO is now vetting the applications against the eligibility criteria (including conducting data matching with relevant government departments) and disbursing payments to successful applicants via autopay or cash cheques.