

ImmD's response to Ombudsman's direct investigation into Government's regulation of boarding facilities for foreign domestic helpers

In response to the decision of The Ombudsman to initiate a direct investigation to examine the Government's regulation of boarding facilities for foreign domestic helpers (FDHs), an Immigration Department (ImmD) spokesman said the ImmD is mainly responsible for the assessment of the employment visa applications of FDHs, while the regulation of boarding facilities for FDHs is outside the purview of the ImmD.

In the course of the investigation by the Office of The Ombudsman (the Office), the ImmD will assist the Office to further understand the functions and powers of the ImmD, and the delineation of responsibilities and distribution of work in the Government on the regulation of boarding facilities for FDHs.