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Clerk to Panel on Planning, Lands and Works
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
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(Attn: Mrs Queenie Yu)

Dear Mrs Yu,

LegCo Panel on Planning, Lands and Works
Special Meeting on 22 January 2002

Thank you for sending me the confirmed minutes of the captioned meeting. Concerning paragraph 22 of the minutes, I append below a report on the position on the pre-war buildings in Burrows Street and Mallory Street.

At present, there are six Government-owned pre-war buildings located at 6 & 8 Burrows Street and 3, 5, 7 & 9 Mallory Street. These buildings fall within an area zoned "Open Space" on the Wanchai Outline Zoning Plan No. S/H5/20. The six buildings concerned were surrendered for the provision of an open space. The Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB) made a recommendation in December 2000 that the 10 pre-war buildings at 6-12 Burrows Street and 1-9 Mallory Street, including the six Government-owned buildings in this area, should be awarded a grade II designation, in recognition of their historical and architectural value. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will commission a study to ascertain whether these buildings should and can be preserved. The open space development has now been put on hold subject to the results of the study.

These Government-owned pre-war buildings are currently under the management and maintenance of the Lands Department. Pending the results of the LCSD study, a team of professionals in the Lands Department regularly inspects the buildings and carries out repair works where necessary to ensure their safety.

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Olivia Nip)
for Secretary for Planning and Lands