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Clerk to PLW Panel  
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Dear Ms SIT,

**Panel on Planning, Lands and Works**

**Follow-up to meeting on 27 January 2004  
Agenda item V – “Proposed amalgamation of Civil Engineering  
Department and Territory Development Department”**

I refer to your letter of 29 January 2004 concerning the follow up actions to be taken in response to Members’ request at the captioned meeting.

As regards item (a) of your letter under reference, we have made provisions for the further engagement of engineering graduate trainees from the 2003 intake onwards to enable them to acquire the necessary post-training experience required for sitting the relevant professional examinations, after satisfactory completion of their formal training. For engineering graduate trainees who joined before 2003, the departments concerned would explore the possibility for their further engagement after completion of their formal training, taking into account all relevant factors. Also, we noted Members’ concern regarding the employment of professional staff who are appointed under the new entry system and will take this into consideration together with other important factors including operational requirements.

As requested by the Hon Albert CHAN (item (b) of your letter), we are preparing the relevant information on public works projects managed by the Civil Engineering Department and the Territory Development Department and will provide the supplementary information in two weeks.

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Cindy Kwan)  
for Secretary for Environment,  
Transport and Works

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