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The Legislative Council Secretariat
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8 Jackson Road, Central
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(Attn.: Ms Joan MAK)

Dear Ms MAK,

**Indoor Recreation Centre, Community Hall cum Library
in Area 17, Tung Chung, Lantau Island**

I refer to the draft minutes of the meeting of Panel on Home Affairs held on 10 March 2006 and would like to provide the information below in response to the enquiries raised at the meeting in relation to the captioned project.

In paragraph 88 of the draft minutes of the above meeting, it was suggested that the Administration should consider whether a small Labour Department district office should be provided under the captioned project. As advised by Labour Department, there did not appear to be an imminent need for such a branch office in Tung Chung at this stage for the following reasons :-

- (a) Tung Chung residents could make use of their employment services through their network of job centres, the internet, the vacancy search terminal and Telephone Employment Service hotline;
- (b) there had been very few labour claims involving workplaces in Tung Chung in the past; and

- (c) the size of the population and workforce of Tung Chung was relatively small compared with other districts.

Nevertheless, they would review the service needs of Tung Chung from time to time.

As regards paragraph 92 of the draft minutes, the Administration was asked to consult the Islands District Council (IsDC) on the proposed range of facilities in the project once again as soon as possible. Member may wish to note that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department further consulted IsDC on the scope of the project at its meeting on 24 April 2006. The proposed exclusion of the alternate use of the main arena of indoor recreation centre as handball court and the proposed inclusion of appropriate cycle parking spaces in the project were reported. IsDC had no objection to the above proposals. They urged that the project should be implemented as soon as possible and had no other views.

As regards paragraphs 101, 103 and 104 of the draft minutes, Members of the Panel on Home Affairs raised the concern that LegCo members should be able to comment on the design in a project implemented through Design and Build mode. As advised by the Environment, Transport and Works Bureau, while the Administration would look into possible ways to address members' concern, as a matter of established principle, any form of consultation during the tender assessment stage of a project was not preferred as it would have serious implications on their tendering process which, for obvious reasons, was governed by established procedures. In any event, the process of devising such a mechanism required consultation with the industry as well as their legal advisers. The Environment, Transport and Works Bureau would endeavour to submit a proposal to the relevant panels as soon as they were in a position to do so.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Home Affairs

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