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Dear Ms MAK,

Local Open Space in Area 16 (Yau Oi South) Tuen Mun

I refer to paragraph 24 of the draft minutes of the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs (HA Panel) held on 12 May 2006 and would like to provide the information below in response to the enquiry raised at the meeting in relation to the captioned project.

It is stated in the paper of the project for the above meeting that the construction works of the project is expected to commence in February 2007 for completion in August 2008. In the meeting, the Administration was requested to spell out, in writing, what actions would be taken to expedite the implementation of the project. According to the information provided by the Architectural Services Department, the intention to schedule the commencement of the works in February 2007 is to avoid the works spanning over the Chinese New Year holiday at early stage. In consideration of the above request from the HA Panel, they propose to advance the commencement of the works of Sites A, B and D from February 2007 to January 2007. As Site C is not available in January 2007 due to the short-term tenancy of the site, the commencement of works of the site cannot be advanced.

According to the information provided by the Architectural Services Department, they can complete the works of Site A in May 2008 as the site is to provide a children's playground and a landscaped area with sitting out facilities

that are considered relatively easy to construct than the facilities in Sites B, C and D. For Sites B, C, and D, they provide more facilities that require longer procurement time. In additional, all these sites are surrounded by the Light Rail Transit System that imposed extra limitation on site access and works area. As such, the completion of the works of the Sites B, C and D can only be advanced to July 2008.

Yours sincerely,

(Danny SUNG) for Secretary for Home Affairs

c.c. Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Attn.: Peter KAN)
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