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Clerk to the LegCo Panel on Housing
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(Attn: Miss Becky Yu)

Dear Miss Yu,

Legislative Council Panel on Housing
Follow-up to Meeting on 20 October 2005

At the special meeting of the Panel held on 20 October 2005 to discuss divestment of the Housing Authority's retail and carparking facilities, Members requested information on the number of contract staff affected by the divestment exercise and the change in rental levels upon renewal of tenancy with The Link Management Limited.

Contract staff affected by the divestment

I wrote to you on 28 February 2005 in response to a similar enquiry from the Panel. I advised that 30 contract staff members would be affected by the divestment exercise and that the Housing Department had undertaken a number of measures to assist them, including re-deployment to other suitable posts within the Housing Department, provision of re-employment training to

the affected staff as well as making job recommendations to prospective employers. Of the 30 contract staff members affected, 15 have been redeployed to other positions. The others have left the Housing Authority either upon expiry of their contracts or upon resignation of their own accord.

Tenancies renewed by The Link Management Limited

As regards the number of tenancies renewed by The Link Management Limited and the resultant rental adjustments, from May 2005 (when The Link Management Limited took over the leasing function from the Housing Department) to 31 August 2005 a total of 545 tenancies had been renewed. As we reported at the Panel meeting on 20 October, of these 545 renewals, the rents of 289 cases (i.e. 53% of the tenants concerned) remained the same, while 185 (34%) cases had their rents increased and the remaining 71 cases (13%) were given rent reductions. The average rates of rental increase and rental reduction were 8% and 20% respectively. In overall terms, there was no significant difference (with an increase of about 1%) in the rent for these 545 shop tenants before and after renewal of their tenancies.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

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