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Dear Ms HON,

**The Director of Audit's Report on the
results of value of money audits (Report No. 48)**

Chapter 4: Management of government fresh food wholesale markets

Thank you for your letter of 30 May 2007.

I provide the following information requested by the Public Accounts Committee.

- (a) GPA advised the then AFD on 9 January 1998 of Lands D's objection to the advertising proposal as against the terms of existing tenancy agreement. His memo is copied at appendix 1.
- (b) Lands D subsequently confirmed on 16 January 1998 that he has no objection (appendix 2). He requested the then AFD to provide a schedule on the item on 16 February 1998 (appendix 3). This schedule is supposed to be attached to the tenancy agreement allowing advertising.
- (c) We then requested GPA to provide the schedule on 25 February 1998 (appendix 4). There is however no records of any further action on the schedule.

- (d) We have held an inter-departmental meeting on 11.5.07 to pursue the proposal. DArchS considered that light-weight banner type advertising (LWBTA) was possible subject to further advice from their specialist unit. D of Lands indicated that the land lease had to be amended appropriately. GPA advised that views of the Harbour-Front Enhancement Committee (HEC) had to be sought and permission from the Town Planning Board was required. Once these were ready, GPA would proceed to tender out the advertising space.

Arch SD is now identifying the parts of the market buildings that are suitable for putting up the LWBTA. We have also scheduled a separate meeting with Plan D and GPA to be held on 5 June 2007 to work out the roadmap and timeline for the whole process of securing all the necessary endorsement and approvals, and the subsequent tendering.

Yours sincerely



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for Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation

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Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food
Director of Lands
Government Property Administrator
Director of Audit

**Note by Clerk, PAC: Appendices 1 to 4 not attached.*