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Clerk, Public Accounts Committee
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Dear Ms CHU,

**The Director of Audit's Report on the
results of value for money audits (Report No.50)**

Chapter 2: Commercialisation and utilisation of government properties

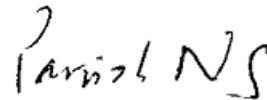
Thank you for your letter of 2 May 2008. Having consulted the Development Bureau and the Government Property Agency (GPA), I would like to respond to the Committee's request for additional information as set out below.

GPA is the project proponent of the new government joint-user office building at the Kai Tak Development (KTD). Being the project proponent, GPA has been in close liaison with relevant bureaux and works departments and has kept the programme of the new government joint-user office building project under regular review. The Government is now conducting an engineering study of the KTD and GPA has been participating in the study in relation to the planning of essential infrastructure serving the new government joint-user office building. Inter-departmental meetings are convened regularly to monitor, co-ordinate and ensure adherence to the infrastructure programmes. The preliminary assessment conducted by GPA in February 2008 on the viability of converting the lower three floors of the TID Tower to retail use has taken into account the KTD programme updated by Civil Engineering and Development Department in January 2008 on the basis that the essential infrastructure was planned to be completed in time for the commissioning of the new government joint-user office building in the KTD in 2013/14.

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Based on the latest plan for the completion of the essential infrastructure, GPA considers that the timing of the relocation of all government offices in the TID Tower to the new government joint-user office building in the KTD in 2013/14 is realistic. Meanwhile, GPA will continue to monitor the situation. In case of changes in circumstances in future, such as changes in the Kai Tak development plan that might affect the timing of the relocation to the new government office building, GPA will conduct further analyses on the viability of conversion of the lower floors of the TID Tower for retail use.

Yours sincerely



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