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Dear Miss Leung,

**Capital works projects of
University Grants Committee-funded institutions**

At its meeting on 16 April 2009, the Panel on Education discussed a capital works project proposed by the City University of Hong Kong (CityU) for the construction of its phase 4 student hostels.

Members requested that the Administration explore with the Government Property Agency (GPA) on the feasibility of converting vacant Government quarters into student hostels for the UGC-funded institutions. We have already discussed the suggestion with GPA and noted that there were already planned uses for most vacant Government quarters, while others were considered not suitable for student hostel development. A list of currently vacant Government quarters under GPA's purview is at the Annex.

Separately, Members requested the Government to explore the feasibility of constructing student hostels at the site of the former Cheung Sha Wan Police Quarters. Members are invited to note that the former police quarters have already been demolished. Part of the site has been earmarked for developing a public housing estate scheduled for completion in 2013, while the remainder will be used for constructing a secondary school with 30 classrooms, scheduled for completion in 2013/14, for reprovisioning of a sub-standard secondary school.

I should be grateful if you could circulate the above information to Members for their reference.

Yours sincerely,



(Eric Cheng)
for Secretary for Education

c.c. SG, UGC (Attn: Miss Connie Hung)

Annex

Vacant Government Quarters
Under the Purview of the Government Property Agency ⁽¹⁾

	Property name and address	Current position	No. of vacant units ⁽²⁾	Remarks
1	Ex-Kennedy Town Police Married Quarters Block B 14 Ka Wai Man Road, Kennedy Town	Vacant	191 (191)	The MTR Corporation Limited will demolish Blocks A & C and occupy the sites as works sites for the construction of the West Island Line. Government is exploring alternative use option of the property.
2	Ex-Lai Chi Kok Incineration Plant Quarters 3 Yuet Lun Street, Lai Chi Kok	Vacant	54 (54)	The quarters are not suitable for residential use according to current legislation, nor for leasing out for commercial use. Therefore, Government is arranging for its demolition. Since the adjacent site will be incorporated in the works area of the Hong Kong Section of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link, Government will study the overall land use of the quarters and the adjacent site.
3	Tsz Wan Shan Staff Quarters 57 Sheung Fun Street, Tsz Wan Shan	Vacant	38 (38)	Government is assessing the feasibility of refurbishing the property for use by disciplined services departments as quarters.
4	Kwun Tong Staff Quarters 4 Tseung Kwan O Road, Kwun Tong	Largely vacant	88 (90)	Government is assessing the feasibility of refurbishing the property for use by disciplined services departments as quarters.

5	Lok Fu Staff Quarters 20 Heng Lam Street, Lok Fu	Partly vacant	32 (43)	Government is assessing the feasibility of refurbishing the property for use by disciplined services departments as quarters.
6	Tin Wan Staff Quarters 64 Tin Wan Street, Aberdeen	Largely vacant	14 (15)	Government is assessing the feasibility of redeveloping the property for use by disciplined services departments as quarters.
7 (3)	Wan Chai Police Married Quarters 182 Jaffe Road, Wan Chai	Partly vacant	14 (40)	Located within the Wan Chai Police Station compound.
8 (3)	Western Police Married Quarters-Rank & File 280 Des Voeux Road West	Vacant	104 (104)	Located within the Western Police Station compound.

Note (1) Apart from the quarters buildings listed in the above Table, there are about 123 individual apartment flats under the purview of the Government Property Agency located in buildings in different districts (e.g. Beverly Hill and Elm Tree Towers). These units are not required for use as government quarters. The Agency is leasing out these flats in the market and planning their disposal by sale in future. Another 30 vacant premises (such as 122 Pok Fu Lam Road) are reserved for long-term development.

Note (2) Number in bracket denotes the total number of units in the building.

Note (3) Quarters under the management of Hong Kong Police Force. The Government Property Agency has assisted in the reprovisioning of the departmental quarters on the site.