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Legislative Council Building  
8 Jackson Road  
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(Attn: Ms Janet SHUM)

Dear Ms Shum,


**Panel on Home Affairs  
Conversion of Yau Ma Tei Theatre and Red Brick Building  
into a Xiqu Activity Centre**

When Members endorsed the upgrading of the above project to Category A at the Public Works subcommittee meeting held on 21 January 2009, Members requested the Administration to consider relocation of the public toilet (PT), refuse collection point (RCP) and street sleepers' shelter (SSS) adjacent to Yau Ma Tei Theatre to enhance the overall setting of the area and report to the Panel on Home Affairs on quarterly basis the progress of the reprovisioning arrangements. In this connection, I append below the latest development of the relocation.

The Administration has recently identified potential sites for relocating the RCP and SSS. Pending the completion of the technical feasibility study by the Architectural Services Department, the Administration will consult the Yau Tsim Mong District Council on the project, and if necessary, submit to the Town Planning Board an application for planning permission for building the public facilities. The construction timetable will be confirmed subject to the result of the technical feasibility study, the views of the Yau Tsim Mong District Council, Town Planning Board's endorsement of the application for planning permission, if required, and availability of fund. Separately, the Administration is actively identifying a suitable site for relocating the PT. Once a suitable site has been identified, the aforementioned procedures will be followed in taking forward the relocation project.

We will report further development of the relocation on a quarterly basis.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Home Affairs

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