

**Administration's response to concerns raised by Wong Tai Sin District Council members regarding difficulties encountered by District Councils (DCs) in the tendering and management of minor works projects**

The Administration's response provided on 10 October 2008

Regarding the management of district minor work projects, the Administration is required to select works contractors under the District Minor Works Programme in accordance with the tendering procedures in the Government's Stores and Procurement Regulations, as required under the Public Finance Ordinance (Cap. 2) in order to ensure transparency and fairness in the contractor management and selection. In the past few months, due to inflation and rising construction cost, in some cases, the pre-tender cost estimates exceeded the original cost estimates or, the tender prices exceeded the pre-tender cost estimates. DCs have been briefed on this. Starting from June 2008, an additional Quantity Surveyor has already been provided to the Home Affairs Department to strengthen the professional support in project cost estimation work.