

THE GOVERNMENT MINUTE

in response to the

**REPORT NO. 47 OF
THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

dated February 2007

16 May 2007

(b) ~~On staff remuneration and recruitment, ESF has taken the opportunity of contract renewals to apply the revised remuneration package to teachers whose contracts expire in September 2007. Separately, ESF has also completed the remuneration review for senior staff and implemented the recommendation of the review in March 2007. Since follow-up action has been completed, we suggest deleting the relevant items (i.e. Items 3(a) and 3(c) under Enclosure [2]) from the next progress report.~~

School administration of the English Schools Foundation (Paragraphs 51 to 52 of Part 4 of P.A.C. Report No. 45)

Encl. 3

51. The latest ESF's action plan as at May 2007 in respect of outstanding matters is at Enclosure 3.

Grant of land at Discovery Bay and Yi Long Wan (Paragraphs 53 to 54 of Part 4 of P.A.C. Report No. 45)

Site boundaries of Discovery Bay and Yi Long Wan development

52. D of L is consulting relevant parties on the implementation of practical measures to deter encroachments on Government land during the construction period of a development, and to monitor and identify for rectification such encroachments.

53. Following receipt of legal advice, D of L is taking action to tackle the land encroachment problems of the Yi Long Wan development

Development of a site at Sai Wan Ho (Chapter 1 of Part 7 of P.A.C. Report No. 45)

54. The Government has accepted all recommendations made by D of A and PAC concerning the development of a site at Sai Wan Ho. With the concerted efforts of the Planning Department, Lands D, BD, Architectural Services Department and Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau, the Government has been taking positive steps to implement all of the recommendations. Progress of various improvement measures has been elaborated in the concerned progress report submitted in September 2006.

55. We are reviewing whether it is appropriate to impose a maximum gross floor area (GFA) clause in the leases of future sale sites of Government land. Apart from the merits and demerits of this proposal, there are certain trade-offs between the provision of certainty and the maximisation of land premium. It would be necessary for us to strike a delicate balance. We are carefully considering the recommendation of PAC in reviewing the criteria for deciding under what circumstances the maximum GFA of a particular site should be specified, and will conduct consultations with the stakeholders concerned before determining the way forward.

56. The Government will continue to monitor the implementation of the various improvement measures.