

THE GOVERNMENT MINUTE

in response to the

**REPORT NO. 49 OF
THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

dated February 2008

21 May 2008

Action Plan

- Encl. 47. ESF has updated its action plan as at May 2008 at Enclosure. For most of the remaining recommendations of PAC, full implementation will take place after the changes to the governance framework as effected by the Amendment Ordinance come into operation.

Grant of land at Discovery Bay and Yi Long Wan (Paragraphs 53 to 54 of Part 4 of PAC Report No. 47)

Site boundaries of Discovery Bay and Yi Long Wan development

48. Following active discussion with the industry and related professionals regarding the implementation of practical and effective measures to deter encroachment by private developments on Government land, Lands D will issue a Practice Note on the matter in May 2008.

49. Lands D is obtaining outside counsel's advice through D of J on how to tackle the land encroachment problems of the Yi Long Wan development.

Development of a site at Sai Wan Ho (Paragraphs 55 to 56 of Part 4 of PAC Report No. 47)

50. The Government has accepted all the 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, Buildings Department, Architectural Services Department and Development Bureau, the Government has been taking positive steps to implement all of the recommendations. Progress of various improvement measures have been elaborated in the concerned progress reports submitted in September 2006 and September 2007 and the Government Minute submitted in May 2007.

51. We are continuing with our review on gross floor area (GFA) concessions granted under the Buildings Ordinance. The Government will seek the views of stakeholders from various sectors before finalising our proposals.

52. We have reviewed whether it is appropriate to impose a maximum GFA clause in the leases of future sale sites of Government land. In formulating the land sale arrangement, one of the key guiding principles is the need for a clear and predictable Government policy on land supply for private development, to provide certainty, clarity and consistency to the trade and to the public. For the 2008-09 Application List, we will specify the maximum GFA or plot ratio (or equivalent) in the conditions of sale of each sale site on the Lists.

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