

My reply to the two-part question is as follows:

- (a) The HS welcomes owners of private buildings (including those in northwestern New Territories) to make enquiries or seek professional advice regarding building management and maintenance either by phone or in person at any of its PMACs. PMAC staff will try their best to assist regardless of whether the enquiries come from another district.
- (b) The HS plans to set up six PMACs within this year. Four of these centres are in Shum Shui Po, Central and Western District, Tsuen Wan and Yau Tsim Mong respectively and they have already commenced operation. The remaining two centres are scheduled to be opened in Kowloon City and the Eastern District in the second half of the year.

The HS has already taken into account the distribution of the target buildings as well as owners' demand in selecting the locations of PMACs to ensure easy access by the Scheme's target owners. In this regard, the HS has made reference to the relevant information of all buildings in Hong Kong maintained by the Rating and Valuation Department to ascertain the distribution of buildings which are over 20 years' old and within the rateable value limits of the Scheme. Currently about 2 400 HS's target buildings are located in Tsuen Wan, Kwai Tsing and the New Territories, accounting for about 16% of all the target buildings of the Scheme. About 11 500 target buildings are located in Hong Kong Island, Sham Shui Po, Yau Tsim Mong and Kowloon City, accounting for about 74% of all the target buildings. The remaining target buildings are scattered throughout other districts in the territory.

The HS will closely monitor the provision of service by the PMACs and consider allocating more resources to individual districts according to actual needs.

### **Renovation Works for Hunghom Peninsula**

10. **MR RONNY TONG** (in Chinese): *Madam President, it has been reported that the developer which purchased Hunghom Peninsula has recently drawn up a*

*renovation plan for that estate, and is prepared to make substantial alterations to its original fitting-out. On the other hand, according to the sale and purchase agreement signed by the Government and that developer, the latter should obtain the Government's permission before conducting any major renovation and alteration. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:*

- (a) of the details of the above renovation plan, and whether it has been approved by the Government; if so, whether the authorities have required the developer to pay extra premium; if so, of the amount involved; and*
- (b) given that renovation works of buildings will generate substantial construction waste, whether the authorities have assessed the impact of the waste generated by the renovation works of Hunghom Peninsula on the environment, and how they will tackle the problem?*

**SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, PLANNING AND LANDS** (in Chinese):

Madam President, my reply to the two-part question is as follows:

- (a) The developer of Hunghom Peninsula submitted for the Building Authority's approval the relevant building plans concerning the alteration and addition works to the residential and non-residential portions on 12 May 2005 and on 13 June 2005 respectively. The proposed alteration and addition works include the addition of lifts, combination of flats and revision to internal layout, renovation of external walls, and alterations to carpark and emergency vehicular access. The plans are still under processing.

Up to now, the Lands Department has not received any application for lease modification from the developer. Under the established practice, when such an application is received and approved, premium will be assessed by the Lands Department.

- (b) Similar to other construction projects, alteration works of Hunghom Peninsula should comply with all the relevant statutory environmental requirements. The Environmental Protection

Department is very concerned about the environmental impact due to the construction waste generated in the alteration works and has requested the developer to submit a comprehensive waste management plan. This is to ensure that measures are undertaken to reduce the generation of construction wastes requiring disposal, to manage construction waste properly and to reuse and recycle useful materials. The developer has committed to submit the plan after the details of the alteration works are finalized.

### **Vote Canvassing by Candidate**

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11. **MR JAMES TO** (in Chinese): *Madam President, will the Government inform this Council whether, during the campaign period of the Legislative Council Election in September last year, the then Chief Secretary for Administration requested the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), the restaurant licence issuing authority, to provide him with the addresses of eateries operated by electors of the Legislative Council catering functional constituency; if so,*

- (a) *of the reasons for doing so, and whether they include facilitating a certain candidate in approaching these owners to canvass their votes; and*
- (b) *whether the FEHD provided the relevant information, and the legal basis for that decision?*

**SECRETARY FOR HEALTH, WELFARE AND FOOD** (in Chinese): Madam President, the then Chief Secretary for Administration, had approached the FEHD to see whether the latter could provide to all candidates of the catering functional constituency more contact information of the concerned constituents to facilitate their liaison. Since the FEHD only provided the business names and addresses of the licensed food premises for public inspection, the information concerning the catering functional constituents had not been disclosed for privacy reasons. The then Chief Secretary was so informed and he did not take the issue further.

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