

**Select Committee to Inquire into Matters relating to
the Post-service Work of Mr Leung Chin-man**

**Information provided by the Administration
in response to the Clerk to Select Committee's letter
of 27 July 2009**

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otherwise specified)*

1. The Select Committee notes from the evidence given by Mr LEUNG Chin-man at the hearing on 20 July 2009 that he had made a suggestion to Mr John CORRIGALL during a meeting on 30 October 2003 for appointing an independent surveyor/valuer to assist him in the mediation with the developer of Hunghom Peninsula ("the suggestion"). According to Mr LEUNG, Mr CORRIGALL rejected the suggestion as he was the most experienced valuer in Hong Kong and that he would be assisted by staff of the Lands Department in the mediation process. The said meeting was the second of the two meetings as reported in the e-mail dated 31 October 2003 from Ms Handa CF LAM to Mr Anthony KH WONG (SC Paper No. T138). Mr LEUNG said that the discussion was not recorded in that e-mail but he has reconfirmed his memory as stated above with Ms Handa LAM recently.

As recorded in T138, besides Mr LEUNG Chin-man, Mr John CORRIGALL and Ms Handa CF LAM, Mr Vincent TONG and Mr Simon LEE were also present at the meeting. Please confirm with the persons present at the meeting (except Mr LEUNG Chin-man) whether Mr LEUNG Chin-man had made the said suggestion at the meeting. If yes, please ask them to provide details of the discussion on the matter and the conclusion reached, if any. Please also confirm whether the Administration has any other records or minutes relating to the aforesaid second meeting held on 30 October 2003. If yes, please provide us with such records or minutes.

Transport and Housing Bureau ("THB")'s response: We have confirmed with Mr John CORRIGALL, Ms Handa CF LAM, Mr Vincent TONG and Mr Simon LEE as requested.

Mr Simon LEE stated that he had no recollection that Mr LEUNG Chin-man ("Mr LEUNG") had made the suggestion ("the suggestion") to Mr CORRIGALL during a meeting on 30 October 2003 for appointing an independent surveyor / valuer to assist Mr CORRIGALL in the mediation with the developer of Hunghom Peninsula. The letter from Mr LEE to the Director of Housing of 31 July 2009 is attached at ~~THB-357~~. T275

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Mr Vincent TONG stated that as the meeting took place almost six years ago, he could not remember the suggestion. The letter from Mr TONG to the Director of Housing of 31 July 2009 is attached at ~~THB-358~~. The obliterated information in ~~THB-358~~ is Mr TONG's residential address which is of private nature and also not relevant to the subject of the Inquiry.

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Mr John CORRIGALL stated that he seemed to recall that the suggestion was made by Mr LEUNG and that he rejected it. Although Mr CORRIGALL did not recall the details, circumstances or date of the suggestion made, he had no reason to dispute that it was made at a meeting on 30 October 2003. However, Mr CORRIGALL doubted that he would have been so arrogant as to say that his reason for rejecting the suggestion was that he was the most experienced valuer in Hong Kong. Mr CORRIGALL's reply e-mail to ~~THB~~ dated 4 August 2009 (16:01 hours) is attached at ~~THB-359~~. The obliterated information in ~~THB-359~~ is Mr CORRIGALL's personal e-mail address which is of private nature and also not relevant to the subject of the Inquiry.

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Ms Handa LAM stated that she could not recall whether Mr LEUNG had made the suggestion. The letter from Ms LAM to the Director of Housing of 31 July 2009 is attached at ~~THB-360~~. Ms LAM also stated that apart from Mr LEUNG, Mr CORRIGALL, Mr TONG, Mr LEE and herself, the second meeting held on 30 October 2003 was also attended by the participants of the first meeting held on that day (namely, Mr NM CHAN, Ms Amy CHAN and Mr Greg PAYNE). In case the Select Committee considers it necessary, we would be pleased to seek confirmation on the

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same matter from these 3 persons.

*Please be informed that there is no other record or minutes
relating to the second meeting held on 30 October 2003.*

Transport and Housing Bureau
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