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

Further information provided by Mr Andrew Wong in response to the Clerk to Select Committee's letter of 26 May 2010

- 1. At the hearing of the Select Committee held on 21 March 2009, you gave evidence that in considering Mr LEUNG Chin-man's application for taking up post-service work with New World China Land Limited, you had overlooked Mr LEUNG's involvement in the Hunghom Peninsula case. You recalled Mr Michael SUEN Ming-yeung handling the case as Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands, but it did not occur to you that Mr LEUNG could have probably participated. Please advise/clarify:
- (a) whether you had attended any meetings during which issues relating to the Hunghom Peninsula development were discussed when you served as Director of Administration from August 2000 to March 2004; if yes, please provide the name(s) and date(s) of such meeting(s), and confirm whether Mr LEUNG was present at the meeting(s);

Mr Wong's Response: When I served as Director of Administration from August 2000 to March 2004, I attended the following meetings—

- (a) the Policy Committee meeting held on 24 October 2002 to discuss the comprehensive market-oriented housing policy. In the paper submitted to this meeting, there was a brief reference to the fact that the two Private Sector Participation Scheme (PSPS) projects (viz. at Hung Hom Bay and Ngau Chi Wan) were awaiting disposal. Mr C M LEUNG was present at the meeting. According to my recollection, there was no discussion at the meeting on these two projects;
- (b) the Policy Committee meeting held on 27 February 2003 to discuss the disposal of the overhung subsidized home ownership flats. In the paper submitted to this meeting, there was a brief mention that the negotiation with the developers of the two PSPS projects was underway for lease modifications to enable them to

sell the flats in the open market. Mr C M LEUNG was not present at the meeting. According to my recollection, there was no discussion at the meeting on the two PSPS projects; and

(c) the Senior Officials Meeting held on 13 February 2004, at which the media coverage on, amongst others, the sale of the Hunghom Peninsula flats was reported. Mr C M LEUNG was not present at the meeting.

Other than the above, I could not recall that I had attended any other meetings at which the Hunghom Peninsula development was touched upon when I served as Director of Administration from August 2000 to March 2004.

(b) when and how you were first aware of Mr LEUNG's involvement in the Hunghom Peninsula case; and

Mr Wong's Response: I became aware of Mr LEUNG's involvement in the Hunghom Peninsula case after it was reported in the media in early August 2008.

whether you were aware of Mr LEUNG's involvement in the Hunghom Peninsula case when you considered Mr LEUNG's application.

Mr Wong's Response: At the time when I considered Mr LEUNG's application, I was not aware of Mr LEUNG's involvement in the Hunghom Peninsula case.