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(Urgent by fax 2840 0716)

Ms Miranda Hon
Clerk, Public Accounts Committee
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Ms Hon,

**The Director of Audit's Report on the
results of value for money audits (Report No. 58)**

Youth Square (Chapter 8)

I refer to your letter of 23 April 2012 requesting information for the public hearing on the captioned Audit Report. Our replies to Questions No. 2, 4, 5, 9 and 12 are attached at Annex for your reference.

In addition, there is a typo in the reply to Question No. 3 enclosed in my letter dated 27 April 2012 to you. The first sentence should read: "Y旅舍共有148間房間，包括138間雙人房、8間三人房、1間六人房及1間4人複式房。", instead of "130". My apologies.

***Note by Clerk, PAC:**
*The Annex in Appendix 12 replaced by
a corrected version.*

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Kitty YU)
for Secretary for Home Affairs

Encl.

c.c. Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Fax no. 2147 5239)
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**Response to Questions on
Chapter 8 of Director of Audit's Report No. 58 on Youth Square
raised by the Public Accounts Committee on 23 April 2012**

Partial Response

Q2. Have there been any international exchange activities held in the Youth Square? If so, please provide the dates, names, brief contents, names of key overseas guests (e.g. speakers) and numbers of overseas participants of the activities.

A2. During the contract years of 2010-11 and 2011-12 (up to March 2012), international exchange activities hosted at the Youth Square include:

Date	Activity
July 2010	International Summer Dance Camp
December 2010	Asia Pacific Red Cross and Red Crescent Youth Leaders' Forum 2010
February 2011	Hong Kong Model United Nations Conference 2011
May 2011	International Dance Camp 2011
July 2011	Hong Kong Secondary School Model United Nations Conference 2011
August 2011	The 1 st Asian Grand Prix (International Ballet Competition)
September 2011	Imperial College PASS Society Annual Charity Concert
October 2011	The 2 nd Asian Youth Piano Festival 2011
February 2012	Hong Kong Model United Nations Conference 2012

We do not have any information about the names of overseas guests and the numbers of overseas participants of these activities.

Q4. Please list the organizations that had hired the following venues, details of activities, numbers of activity participants and admission fees of the activities in the past year:

- (a) **Y-Platform (exhibition area);**
- (b) **Y-Studio;**
- (c) **Conference room;**
- (d) **Multi-purpose rooms;**

- (e) **Dance room;**
- (f) **Hostel (in terms of organizations, no need to list individual visitors);**
- (g) **Offices;**
- (h) **Y-Theatre;**
- (i) **Recording studio;**
- (j) **Fashion and design studio;**
- (k) **Video shooting studio and video editing workstations;**
- (l) **Photographic room;**
- (m) **Band room;**

For items 4(b) to (e), please list the rentals of the facilities in comparison to those of related facilities at community halls of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).

A4. We need some time to compile the relevant information and will provide a reply as soon as possible.

Q5. (Regarding paragraph 2.40 of the Director of Audit’s Report) How much is the management service fee per square metre? Has the Youth Square conducted any carbon audits and adopted any effective energy-saving measures? What are the annual power usage and tariff figures?

A5. The Youth Square’s management services fee per square metre is about \$1,315 per year.

The Youth Square actively supports environmental protection. While no carbon audit has been conducted yet, the Youth Square has already participated in a number of environmental protection programmes, such as the “Wastewi\$e Label” and the “IAQwi\$e Label”¹, and has also compiled an energy efficiency audit report pursuant to the Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance (Cap 610). In addition, the Youth Square has adopted the following energy-saving measures:

- Adjusting the service hours of outdoor lighting facilities according to the availability of daylight -

¹ The “Wastewi\$e Label” and the “IAQwi\$e Label” are two categories under the Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence jointly established by the Environmental Campaign Committee and the Environmental Protection Department in conjunction with nine organizations in 2008. Regarding the “Wastewi\$e Label”, the Youth Square has attained the “Class of Good” Label in January 2012, while testing for the “IAQwi\$e Label” is underway and a “Class of Good” Label is expected to be awarded in mid-2012.

Summer: 6:30 pm to 6:00 am

Winter: 5:30 pm to 7:00 am;

- Turning off air-conditioning when a venue is closed and activating ventilation facilities when necessary;
- Switching to emergency lighting on certain floors during non-peak hours;
- Using LED lamps of low power consumption at exterior signboards and advertising lightboxes;
- Using lighting facilities of low power consumption at public corridors and staircases;
- Inclusion of the idle mode for all escalators at the Main Block; and
- Adjusting the provision of lift service at the Main Block as appropriate after 12:00 midnight.

The level of power usage and tariff of Youth Square in the past contract years are as follows:

Contract Year	Power Usage (Unit)	Power Tariff
2009-10	3,347,461	\$4,096,101
2010-11	5,664,507	\$6,798,399
2011-12 (up to 31 March 2012)	5,286,465	\$6,888,600

Q9. How many organizations have leased the hostel rooms and for how many days? Have these organizations also conducted activities at the Youth Square while they were leasing the hostel rooms? What kind of activities were they?

A9. 65 organizations leased 7,651 room nights and 111 organizations² leased 12,817 room nights in the contract years of 2010-11 and 2011-12 (up to March 2012) respectively at Y-loft. Some of these organizations had conducted activities such as music, dancing, conferences, exhibitions, ceremonies, training, workshops, etc at the Youth Square while leasing the hostel rooms.

² Any group leasing hostel rooms on more than one occasion in the same contract year is counted once only.

Q12. Please provide a copy of the management and operation services contract signed between the Home Affairs Bureau and the contractor.

A12. We are currently studying the legal opinions of the Department of Justice regarding your request for the service contract signed with the contractor; a reply will be provided as soon as possible.

**Home Affairs Bureau
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30 April 2012**