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Ms Miranda HON
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Dear Ms HON,

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

Unlawful occupation of government land (Chapter 7)

I refer to your letter dated 9 May 2012 concerning the captioned subject.

The chronology of the events and actions taken by the Government before the designation of Tai Lam Country Park in 1970s is enclosed. The minutes and other supporting documents are also enclosed as annexes.

Yours sincerely,

(Joseph SHAM)
for Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation

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***Note by Clerk, PAC: Annexes not attached.**

Designation of Tai Lam Country Park — Chronology

Date	Event
12 th May 1978	Representative of the then AFD attended the Rural Committee Chairman's Meeting held at Yuen Long District Office. Representatives of a number of Rural Committees, including the chairman and vice-chairmen of Shap Pat Heung Rural Committee, also attended the meeting. During the meeting, AFD's representative briefed the attendees about the proposed Tai Lam Country Park, Tai Mo Shan Country Park and Lam Tsuen Country Park (see page 3 of Annex 1).
25 th August 1978	A notice in respect of the draft map of the proposed Tai Lam Country Park was published in the Government Gazette (Annex 2), and in one English and two Chinese newspapers (a newspaper cutting is at Annex 3). The draft map of the proposed Tai Lam Country Park was also available to the public at a number of District Offices, including Yuen Long District Office (i.e. 元朗理民府), for public inspection and raise objection within 60 days (Annexes 2 & 4).
25 th October 1978	During the public inspection, the Country Parks Authority (the Authority) received only one public objection (from the Tsuen Wan Rural Committee) to the draft map of the Tai Lam Country Park (Annex 5). Details of the objection are summarized as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Private land at Tsing Fai Tong, Sheung Tong, Ha Fa Shan and Sheung Fa Shan should be excised; and b) Traditional burial grounds at Tsing Fai Tong, Sham Tseng and Tsing Lung Tau should be excised.
16 th November 1978	The then Country Parks Board held a meeting to hear objections to the draft map of Tai Lam Country Park and draft maps of other proposed country parks including Tai Mo Shan and Lam Tsuen Country Parks in Central Government Offices. The Country Parks Board considered various objections to the proposed Tai Lam Country Park, and advised that appropriate amendments should be made to the proposed boundary of Tai Lam Country Park (Annex 6).

Date	Event
20 th December 1978	A few other minor amendment requests in respect of Tai Lam Country Park were received after the closing date for objections and they were considered by the Country Parks Board (Annex 7). No amendment request from Tai Tong Tsuen or the village representatives from Shap Pat Heung was received.
23 rd January 1979	The then Governor-in-Council approved the draft map of Tai Lam Country Park. A copy of the approved map of Tai Lam Country Park is at Annex 8.