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(Attn: Mr Simon CHEUNG)

Dear Mr CHEUNG,

**Enforcement against Unauthorised Building Works  
in New Territories Exempted Houses**

**Survey and Identification of First Round Targets**

As requested by Members at the Subcommittee meeting held on 8 December 2011, we are pleased to provide further information on the arrangements being made for the survey and identification of the first round targets for enforcement and issue of removal orders by the Buildings Department (BD).

To facilitate enforcement against the first round targets, i.e. unauthorised building works (UBWs) in New Territories Exempted Houses (NTEHs) which constitute serious contravention of the law and pose higher potential risks to building and public safety, the BD will engage consultants to conduct village-by-village surveys in the New Territories for the identification of such UBWs. The consultants will also

assist in subsequent enforcement operations and monitoring of compliance.

Specifically, the responsibilities of the consultants include:

- (a) conducting surveys in target villages in the NT for identification of the first round targets;
- (b) preparation of survey reports with assessment and recommendation for enforcement by the BD;
- (c) identification of ownership, verification of land status and NTEH status and compilation of relevant documents for issue of removal orders by the BD;
- (d) arranging for the service of the removal orders to the owners;
- (e) maintaining close monitor of the progress of compliance after the orders are served; and
- (f) when necessary, assisting the BD in considering and processing appeals.

The BD will commence the large-scale-operation for enforcement against first round targets this April. It will arrange extensive publicity to further promote villagers' awareness of the enforcement strategy and the associated reporting scheme. To promote understanding and co-operation, owners/occupants of NTEHs will also be notified before the consultants visit the villages concerned for surveys and inspections.

We should be grateful if you could convey the information to Members.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Development

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