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Dear Ms Wong

## The land disposal arrangement for the development of private hospitals at Wong Chuk Hang and Tai Po

At the special meeting of the Panel on Health Services on 7 May 2012, members requested the Administration to provide the reason for imposing the responsibility over the slope located at the north of the reserved site at Wong Chuk Hang as part of the land sale conditions. Having consulted the Lands Department and the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD), I set out the relevant information below for Members' perusal.

The Wong Chuk Hang site (known as Aberdeen Inland Lot 458) is one of the two sites put up for tender for private hospital development on 13 April 2012. In drawing up the Conditions of Sale for the site, the Geotechnical Engineering Office of CEDD has advised that a natural terrain hazard study have to be conducted to identify any necessary

mitigation measures given that the site is situated below a steep natural hill side. The extent of the study area, which is outside the Lot, is delineated as Green Cross-hatched Black Area on the sale plan located to the north of the site.

It is stipulated in Special Condition (28) in the Conditions of Sale of the tender documents for the Wong Chuk Hang site that the successful tenderer, as the beneficiary of the measures required, shall carry out the natural terrain hazard study and subsequent construction and maintenance of the hazard mitigation works. This condition is in line with the general "beneficiary-maintains principle" and is necessary in view of the important need to protect the public as well as the successful tenderer's own facility within the Lot from potential landslip hazards.

Yours sincerely

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