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Ms Annette Lam
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Public Works Subcommittee
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Dear Ms Lam,

**Public Works Subcommittee
Follow-up to meeting on 5 February 2013**

**Item PWSC (2012-13) 48
Relocation of part of the offices of the Department of Justice to the
Main and East Wings of the Former Central Government Offices**

At the captioned meeting, Members requested the Administration to provide supplementary information regarding the arrangements for the removal of unnecessary metal fences and gates in the public open space in the vicinity of the former Central Government Offices (CGO) which fall outside the scope of the proposed project under consideration. The Administration's response is provided in the ensuing paragraphs.

2. As far as the metal fences and gates inside the site boundary of the subject project are concerned, the fences and gates which are not necessary will be removed. Based on the recommendation of the Heritage Impact Assessment for the Main and East Wings of the former CGO, in view of public

safety reason, for locations which have level difference with adjacent pavement / slope, the existing fence along the Main and East Wings along Lower Albert Road would be replaced by a lower fence and that along the northern slope facing St John's Cathedral would be maintained. In future, members of the public would be able to access the main entrance of the Department of Justice (DoJ) from the pavement.

3. For the relocation of the DoJ's other offices to CGO West Wing which is a separate project to be pursued by DoJ, a separate heritage impact assessment will be conducted. DoJ will handle the fences and gates falling within the subject site having regard to the recommendation of the heritage impact assessment and the arrangements adopted in the project for the Main and East Wings.

4. As regards the fences and gates in the vicinity of the former CGO which fall outside the scope of the subject project 115KA under consideration and the site of the West Wing project, they would be considered by relevant departments, and due regard will be given to Members' suggestion to remove unnecessary metal fences and gates in the area. The Administration will brief the relevant panel of the Legislative Council when the proposed arrangements are available.

Yours sincerely,



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