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Dear *Alice*,

**Panel on Home Affairs
Motion passed at the meeting on 14 June 2013**

I refer to your letter dated 17 June 2013 requesting the Administration to provide response to the motion passed by the Panel on Home Affairs at its meeting held on 14 June 2013 –

“That this Panel calls on the Government to establish a monitoring and vetting mechanism for the approval and renewal of lands leased under Private Recreational Leases, and further open up such lands for use by the public, so as to safeguard public interests.”

I am authorised to reply as follows.

As indicated in the paper discussed by the Panel on Home Affairs on 14 June, we have been in the process of establishing a mechanism to monitor the use of the lands granted under Private Recreational Leases (PRLs). Under this mechanism, the lessees will be asked to submit quarterly reports on utilisation of their sports facilities. We are also securing funds to set up an electronic database for the purpose.

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We have formally advised PRL lessees back in 2011 that there should be no expectation that their leases would be further renewed when they next expire, and that even if the leases are renewed, they might not be renewed at nominal premium or on the same terms and conditions as before.

As reported to the Panel on 14 June 2013, all lessees have been required to submit a scheme for opening up their facilities more extensively for use by outside bodies. Details of all the 47 schemes approved so far are available on HAB's website, and lessees are required under the renewed leases to provide the relevant information on their own websites.

We have undertaken to conduct a review on the PRL policy which will be driven by considerations of land use and public interest, as well as from sports development perspective. We will also continue to keep the Panel informed of matters relating to PRLs. Meanwhile, please contact the undersigned or Mrs Yolanda TONG at 3509 8069 if further information is required.

Yours sincerely,



(Miss Petty LAI)
for Secretary for Home Affairs