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Clerk to LegCo Panel on Housing  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
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1 Legislative Council Road  
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(Attn: Ms Miranda Hon)

Dear Ms Hon,

**Legislative Council Panel on Housing**  
**Meeting on 7 January 2013**  
**Follow-up Action**

Thank you for your letter of 8 January 2013, referring Members' request for information on the progress of survey in relation to sub-divided flats.

The Government is concerned about the housing needs of the poorly-housed households, including low-income households currently living in sub-divided flats. We believe that public rental housing (PRH) is the primary solution to their housing problems. We hope that by increasing the supply of PRH, eligible persons, including those low-income persons living in subdivided flats, can be admitted to the PRH as early as possible.

The Long Term Housing Strategy (LTHS) review that has been commenced will examine the housing needs of different groups, including the poorly-housed households. In order to enable the LTHS Steering Committee (Steering Committee) to better understand the scope of the issues involved, an independent research organization has been engaged to assess the condition of people living in sub-divided units, and to project the number of subdivided flats and households living in those flats in the territory.

The findings of the survey will be made available when the Steering Committee issues the public consultation document in around mid 2013. We will report the relevant findings to the Panel on Housing when these are ready.

Yours sincerely,

( Original Signed )

( Vincent TANG )

for Secretary for Transport and Housing