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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 5 November 2012
Follow-up Action

I refer to the Housing Panel meeting held on 5 November 2012 at which we were asked to provide further information on two issues, namely, the number of Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) flats with premium not yet paid which are offered for sale in the secondary market and the institutional framework showing the various parties responsible for land and housing supply.

On the first issue, as at 31 October 2012, there are some 250 000 HOS flats with premium not yet paid. We do not have information on how many of them are offered for sale in the secondary market. However, should owners of these flats wish to sell their flats in the secondary market, they have to obtain a Certificate of Availability for Sale (CAS) from the Housing Department (HD) before they can sign the Provisional Agreement of Sale and Purchase. Currently, there are 7 560 HOS owners holding valid CASs. The remaining HOS owners may apply to HD for CASs whenever they wish to sell their flats in the secondary market.

On the second issue, at present, the Steering Committee on Housing Land Supply chaired by the Financial Secretary monitors, prioritizes, coordinates and steers the development of needed infrastructure in support of the timely supply of public and private housing land. It also coordinates the work of various government bureaux and departments relating to the supply of public and private housing land and build up of a land reserve for future use. In addition, the Steering Committee provides a forum to resolve inter-bureau and inter-departmental issues affecting the availability of individual housing sites. Apart from the Steering Committee, the Committee on Planning and Land Development, chaired by the Secretary for Development, oversees the formulation and review of development strategies and land-use planning. There is also a Committee on Housing Development, chaired by the Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing), which monitors the timely supply of suitable land for public housing to meet the anticipated demand.

Yours sincerely,

(Vincent Tang)
for Secretary for Transport and Housing