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(Attn: Ms Miranda Hon)

Dear Ms Hon,

**Supplementary Information requested at the  
Panel on Housing's Meeting held on 6 January 2014**

At the meeting held on 6 January 2014, Members requested for more information on the policy issues that the proposed supernumerary Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (AOSGC) post-holder will address during his/her two-year term. Attached please find the note prepared for your distribution to the Panel Members and other Legislative Council Members for reference.

Yours sincerely,

( Vincent TANG )  
for Secretary for Transport and Housing

**Supplementary Information –**

**Proposed creation of one supernumerary post of  
Administrative Officer Staff Grade C in the Housing Department  
for the implementation of the initiatives under  
the Long Term Housing Strategy Review**

At the last Housing Panel meeting held on 6 January 2014, Members requested for more information on the policy issues that the proposed supernumerary Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (AOSGC) post-holder will address during his/her two-year term. This paper aims to provide the information requested.

**Items which the proposed AOSGC post-holder needs to work on arising from the Long Term Housing Strategy review**

2. The public consultation on the Long Term Housing Strategy (LTHS) review ended on 2 December 2013. Over the three-month public consultation, the LTHS Steering Committee members and the Secretariat attended over 50 meetings/fora to receive public views. In addition, some 800 views/submissions were received. The proposed AOSGC post-holder has to lead a dedicated team to co-ordinate the efforts of all relevant bureaux and departments to evaluate the views received and to help formulate the Government's strategy on the LTHS.

3. While the Steering Committee on the LTHS is still consolidating the public views received for compilation of a report for submission to the Government, it is noted that views received cover a wide range of issues relating to both public and private housing, and involving both policy and operational matters. Some of the issues are highly controversial and require detailed consideration and further studies in order to map out possible way forward.

4. In this connection, issues covered in the LTHS consultation document and other related issues where public views were received include how the proposed housing supply target of 470 000 units for the coming ten years can be achieved; how the housing demand projection would be updated annually to take account of changes in policies or circumstances; how the Quota and Points System should be refined; whether the Well-off Tenants Policies and the Under-occupation Policy should be tightened so as to avoid abuse of public housing resources; how the housing needs of the inadequately housed households should be addressed; whether a licensing or a landlord registration scheme should be put in place to help regulate the safety standards and living conditions of sub-divided units (SDUs) in residential and composite buildings; whether some form of a rent control scheme should be introduced to curb rent hikes and to provide security of tenure to tenants in SDU; how youngsters and first-time home buyers' home ownership aspirations could be met; how the other housing delivery agencies' resources such as that of the Hong Kong Housing Society, the Urban Renewal Authority and the private sector could help provide housing to the community, etc. The post-holder will have to ensure that work is taken forward on all these issues.

5. In respect of issues that are not currently Government policy, including the issue of rent control and security of tenure, as well as the licensing or landlord registration system, the post-holder will be responsible for driving the necessary work to examine these issues. He or she will also have to set up a framework for future policy reviews on the LTHS.

6. For those issues which are related to existing public housing and fall within the purview of the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA), the proposed AOSGC post-holder is expected to work closely with other divisions within the Housing Department to analyze the situation and to make recommendations to the HA having regard to the views collected. For those issues which are on the private housing side, the post-holder has to liaise closely with the relevant bureaux and departments as well as other stakeholders to conduct appropriate policy reviews in order to map out possible way forward.

7. As seen from the above, the proposed AOSGC post-holder has to discharge very heavy and important duties as many policy issues involved are very complicated and do not have an easy solution. On the other hand, the community has high expectation that the Government will come up with practical solutions and way forward for the issues raised during the public consultation. If this supernumerary post is not approved, the speed at which we can carry out the relevant reviews will inevitably be compromised.

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