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Dear Mr. CHU,

Follow-up to Public Accounts Committee Report No. 61
Fire protection and prevention work of the Fire Services Department

Thank you for your letter of 9 January 2015. The response of this Department to the questions raised are set out in the Appendix to facilitate the Committee's consideration of the captioned report.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Robert LAU, Assistant Director (Licensing & Certification) on 2733 7744.

Yours sincerely,

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Director of Fire Services

Follow-up on PAC Report No. 61
Fire protection and prevention work of the Fire Services Department (FSD)

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Part 2: Monitoring Fire Service Installations in Buildings		
2.14	<p>Audit has recommended that the Director of Fire Services should:</p> <p>(b) complete updating and verifying the LIFIPS data on FSIs installed in buildings as soon as possible, in order that LIFIPS can be used more effectively for monitoring the proper maintenance of all FSIs installed and highlighting FSIs without annual inspection;</p>	<p>The exercise of updating and verifying all the records of the fire service installations and equipment (FSIs) in buildings (FS21s) in the Integrated Licensing, Fire Safety and Prosecution System (LIFIPS) was completed in March 2014, with a total of about 51,000 records being captured. FSD has also deployed extra resources to input the data on the paper-based Certificates of Fire Service Installations and Equipment (FS251s) into the LIFIPS for more effective monitoring.</p> <p>By matching the annual inspection records of FSI (i.e. FS251s) received with the corresponding building FSI records (i.e. FS21s), those buildings without conducting the annual FSI inspection can be effectively identified for follow-up action. Since the implementation of this measure, the number of FS251s received by FSD has increased from 226,371 in 2013 to 238,514 in 2014, which</p>

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		<p>proves that the measure has facilitated the effective monitoring of the timely submission of FS251s.</p> <p>To further enhance the efficiency of the monitoring mechanism, a major upgrade of the LIFIPS was completed in October 2014. With the enhanced functionalities, the LIFIPS is able to match the FS251s received against the corresponding FS21s on a daily basis and automatically bring up cases which lack the annual FSI inspection. The enhancement enables FSD to take follow-up actions more efficiently.</p>
Part 4: Monitoring Ventilating Systems		
4.15	<p>Audit has recommended that the Director of Fire Services should:</p> <p>(a) explore the need for requiring the Ventilation Division to conduct prompt risk assessments and inspections when receiving inspection certificates reporting serious defects in ventilating systems; and</p> <p>(b) improve the guidelines for inspecting ventilating systems.</p>	<p>FSD has completed a review on the risk level of defective ventilating systems and the revised internal guidelines have been put into effect since September 2014. FSD has since adopted a risk-based inspection approach which accords higher priority to the inspection of major defects of ventilating systems in buildings and licensed premises. Under the new risk-based approach, inspection officers will conduct inspection within 12 working days for ventilating systems with major defects and within 1 month for</p>

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		<p>ventilating systems with minor defects. If necessary, enforcement action will be taken accordingly.</p> <p>FSD has handled 17 cases of ventilating systems with major defects since the implementation of the new approach and all inspections were conducted within 12 working days. The new approach has effectively strengthened the monitoring of defective ventilating systems and in turn enhanced the fire safety of buildings and licensed premises. FSD will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the new approach and review if there is room for improvement when opportune.</p>