APPENDIX 36



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Mr. Anthony CHU Clerk Public Accounts Committee The Legislative Council

Dear Mr CHU,

Public Accounts Committee Consideration of Chapter 3 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 63 New Civil Aviation Department Headquarters

In response to your letter of 12 December 2014 on the subject matter, I am writing to provide the following reply:

Provision of reserve space for future expansion

- (a) a copy of the Government Property Agency's (GPA) memorandum dated 3 October 2007 to the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) and the Property Vetting Committee (PVC) is at **Annex A**;
- (b) a copy of the PVC's memorandum dated 22 October 2007 to the CAD for the approval of the schedule of accommodation of the new CAD headquarters is at **Annex B** (including a copy of the memorandum (item (i)) and email (item (iii)) as referred to in the PVC's memorandum. The memorandum referred to in item (ii) is already provided as Annex A above);

*Note by Clerk, PAC: Please see Appendix 29 of this Report for Annex A; and Appendix 30 of this Report for Annex B.

Provision of furniture and equipment

(c) the details of space for the offices of Director-General of Civil Aviation and the Assistant Directors-General of Civil Aviation are as tabulated below –

Post	Standard		Total
	Space	Additional Space	Space
	(m^2)	(m^2)	(m^2)
Director-General	37	14	51
of Civil Aviation		(1.2m ² for computer	
		table; 9.8m ² for	
		specialized equipment	
		for displaying air traffic	
		control information;	
		and 3m ² for display	
		cabinet of airplane	
		models)	
Assistant	19	26	45
Director-General		(1.2m ² for computer	
of Civil Aviation		table; 15m ² for a	
(Air Traffic		situation room with	
Management)		special setup to handle	
		unusual situations; and	
		9.8m ² for specialised	
		equipment to display air	
		traffic control	
		information)	
Assistant	19	1.2	20.2
Director-General		(1.2m ² for computer	
of Civil Aviation		table)	
(Engineering and			
Systems / Airport			
Standards / Flight			
Standards / Air			
Services)			

Provision and utilisation of car parking spaces

- (d) GPA has advised CAD to consider making its under-utilised parking spaces available for temporary use (including vehicle parking and storage use) by other government users; and
- (e) GPA has discussed with CAD on the way forward to gainfully make use of its under-utilised parking spaces as soon as possible, and has considered making available such parking spaces for use by other government departments. GPA has suggested and CAD has already agreed for a user department to immediately take up on temporary basis about 900m² (involving forty under-utilised parking spaces and related access road) for storage use as from early 2015 until the relocation of the Air Traffic Management Division to the new Air Traffic Control Centre. Government rental expenditure will be saved as there is no need to lease extra accommodation for the concerned storage use for the time being. GPA will continue to work with CAD to make gainful use of any other under-utilised space.

Yours sincerely,

(Alan Siu)

Government Property Administrator

c.c. Secretary for Transport and Housing
Director-General of Civil Aviation
Director of Architectural Services
Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
Director of Audit