

Laying of the Report Report No. 60 of the Director of Audit on the results of value for money audits was laid in the Legislative Council ("LegCo") on 17 April 2013. The Public Accounts Committee ("the Committee")'s supplemental report (Report No. 60A) on Chapter 7 of the Director of Audit's Report was tabled on 27 November 2013.

2. **The Government Minute** The Government Minute in response to the Committee's Report No. 60A was laid in LegCo on 19 February 2014. A progress report on matters outstanding in the Government Minute was issued on 15 October 2014. The latest position and the Committee's further comments on these matters are set out in paragraphs 3 to 4 below.

Preventive education and enlisting public support against corruption
(Part 4 of P.A.C. Report No. 60A)

3. The Committee was informed that:

Preventive education

Preventive education for the public sector

- the Community Relations Department of the Independent Commission Against Corruption ("CRD") had provided suitable preventive education to the 14 bureaux/departments which were not provided with talks between 2008 and 2012. CRD had also approached all of the 62 public bodies not provided with CRD talks between 2008 and 2012 to review their training need and provide suitable preventive education for their staff/members. In 2014-2015, CRD would approach the 10 public bodies which had the largest number of corruption complaints/reports between 2007 and 2011 to review their training need. CRD would continue to review the provision of suitable corruption prevention and education services to bureaux/departments and public bodies, having regard to the number of corruption complaints/reports they were involved;
- with the support and assistance of the Civil Service Training and Development Institute of the Civil Service Bureau, CRD had started to produce a web-learning portal for civil servants on corruption prevention and related integrity issues as planned. The portal would be hosted in the Cyber Learning Centre Plus (an e-learning platform for

civil servants administered by the Institute) in the first/second quarter 2015;

Preventive education for the youth

- to further extend its reach to the youth, CRD had invited all the degree-awarding tertiary institutions, and government, aided and direct subsidy scheme schools to arrange preventive education programmes for their students starting from the 2013/2014 school year. After reviewing the practice of providing preventive education for private and secondary schools at international stream upon request, CRD had decided to extend its preventive education services to cover international schools for their secondary students starting from the 2014/2015 school year;
- to enhance the usefulness of the Moral Education Website and the youth website iTeen Camp, CRD had created an English content page in both websites. The English content page in the Moral Education Website was provided with hyperlinks to all the English moral education resources produced by the Independent Commission Against Corruption for easy retrieval by users. CRD had also started the English translation of suitable moral education resources in the Moral Education Website and uploaded them regularly;

Enlisting public support

Community activities

- CRD would review its work strategies and set appropriate targets for the numbers of organizations and people reached, taking into consideration the theme adopted and the format of activities. The achievements of the targets would be closely monitored; and

Encouraging the reporting of corruption

- CRD completed a comprehensive review of the functions, location and cost-effectiveness of the Regional Offices in June 2014. Regarding the shop front of the Hong Kong West/Islands Office located on the ground floor of a commercial building, the Independent Commission Against Corruption had agreed in principle to relocate it to Harbour Building where the back office operated, taking into account the views of members of Central and Western, Southern and Islands District Councils

collected during consultations conducted by CRD in May 2014. However, in the absence of readily available replacement premises in Harbour Building in the near future, the shop front would stay put under the existing tenancy agreement running up to 31 October 2016. CRD would keep under constant review the operation of the Regional Offices and the cost-effectiveness of their work when mapping out the long-term strategy for encouraging the public reporting of corruption.

4. The Committee wishes to be kept informed of further development on the subject.