

For information

## **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PANEL ON DEVELOPMENT**

### **Revision of Fees and Charges for Services under the Purview of the Lands Department under the Land Survey (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 473A)**

#### **Purpose**

This paper outlines the Government's proposed revision of seven government fees and charges for services under the purview of the Lands Department which do not directly affect people's livelihood or general business activities.

#### **The Proposal**

2. In line with the "user pays" principle, it is the Government's policy that fees should in general be set at levels sufficient to recover the full cost of providing the services. The seven fee items concerned are prescribed in the Land Survey (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 473A) under the Land Survey Ordinance (Cap. 473).

3. A review of the cost of providing the relevant services at the 2014-15 price level has been carried out. The result reflects the cost recovery rate of 79.20% to 87.18% for the seven fee items at existing fee levels. In order to achieve full cost recovery gradually and avoid a steep fee increase, we propose to increase the fee levels by approximately 10%. Details of the proposal are at *Annex*. After the proposed revision is implemented, the cost recovery rates of the seven fee items will range from 87.10% to 96.20% of the 2014-2015 price level. We will revise the fees once the amendment procedures are completed.

#### **Efficiency Improvement Measures**

4. We have been taking measures to contain the cost of our services through implementing efficiency initiatives, reprioritizing service provision and streamlining procedures. Examples of such efficiency measures include the use of standard forms and computer applications for the relevant services. These measures have been

factored into the calculation of costs for individual fee items.

### **Financial Implication**

5. When the proposed fees and charges adjustment is implemented, there will be an increase of about \$0.326 million in revenue per annum.

### **Way Forward**

6. Members are invited to note the proposed revision of fees and charges as set out in paragraphs 2 to 3 above and detailed at *Annex*. The Government will proceed with the necessary legislative amendments by way of negative vetting to implement the adjustment.

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**Lands Department**  
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**Proposed revision of fees  
under the Land Survey (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 473A)**

Item	Fee Description	Existing Fee (\$)	Proposed Fee (\$)
1	Inspection of land boundary record-		
	(a) For each land boundary plan included in the record	63	69
	(b) For each survey record plan included in the record	63	69
2	Supply of copies of plans-		
	(a) For each copy of land boundary plan	87	96
	(b) For each copy of survey record plan	87	96
3	Deposit of land boundary plan and corresponding survey record plan with the Land Survey Authority	2,980	3,280
4	Registration as an authorized land surveyor	4,840	5,320
5	Renewal of registration as an authorized land surveyor	845	930