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Clerk to the Establishment Subcommittee
Legislative Council Complex
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(Attn: Ms Sharon Lo)

Dear Ms Lo,

**Establishment Subcommittee
Follow-up to meeting on 31 March 2016
EC(2015-16)17**

I refer to your letter of 6 April 2016 requesting for information relating to EC(2015-16)17. The information requested is set out below for Members' reference.

Review of policy on Private Recreational Leases (PRL)

- (a) a list of private sports clubs and other organisations operating facilities on land granted under PRL of which the Administration has notified about the PRL policy review;**

2. We have notified all private sports clubs and other organisations operating facilities on land granted under PRL about the PRL policy review. A list of the PRL lessees is at **Annex A**.

Planning of the Multi-purpose Sports Complex (MPSC)

(b) the estimated cost for providing a temporary swimming pool in MPSC for use by international swimming events when necessary;

3. We have not worked out an estimated cost for providing a temporary swimming pool in MPSC for hosting an international swimming event. As reference, when the 4th Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA) World Swimming Championships (25 metres (m)) was held in the Hong Kong Coliseum in 1999, the hiring charge of two temporary swimming pools of 25m long was about \$4 million.

(c) a list of sports events held in Hong Kong Stadium and other venues in recent years which are capable of attracting over 20 000 audiences;

4. The following sports events were staged in the Hong Kong Stadium in the past five years (i.e. between 2011 and 2015) and each had attracted attendance over 20 000. Other than the Hong Kong Stadium, no other venues in Hong Kong are suitable for holding these events –

Rugby events

- Hong Kong Rugby Sevens 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015
- British and Irish Lions v Barbarians (2013)

Football events

- Barclays Asia Trophy 2011 and 2013
- Kitchee v Arsenal Challenge Cup (2012)
- Manchester United Asian Tour match (2013)
- Hong Kong Football Association Centennial Match: Hong Kong v Argentina (2014)

(d) details on the various approaches adopted by the governments/authorities of other cities/countries for developing and operating multi-purpose sports centre with a scale similar to that of the future MPSC;

5. Based on the findings of the operations consultant engaged by Home Affairs Bureau, other cities have tended to adopt one of the following approaches for the development of large scale multi-purpose sports centres –

- (i) publicly funded projects, e.g. Haixia Olympic Center Complex in Fuzhou, China, and King Abdullah Sports City in Saudi Arabia;
- (ii) public-private partnership, e.g. Singapore Sports Hub; and
- (iii) pure private sector initiatives, e.g. the development of Dubai Sports City in the United Arab Emirates was privately funded and supported by a major residential development.

6. Insofar as government owned sports complexes are concerned, in the main there are three major operating models –

- (i) government operator: an existing government body is entrusted the responsibility for operating the stadium / sports complex, e.g. Haixia Olympic Center Complex in Fuzhou, China, and King Abdullah Sports City in Saudi Arabia;
- (ii) a special purpose vehicle owned by the Government: a sports complex-specific purpose vehicle wholly owned by the government be set up and entrusted with the responsibility of operating the sports complex, e.g. the Baku Olympic Stadium in Azerbaijan; and
- (iii) private operator independent of Government: professional sports complex operator manages the multiple sports complexes in accordance with a set of performance requirements stipulated in a management contract signed with the Government, e.g. Singapore Sports Hub.

(e) the details and timetable for developing a heated swimming pool at the indoor sports complex at Kai Tak; and

7. In addition to the sports facilities in the Kai Tak MPSC, the Government has reserved a site in the Kai Tak Development Area, which is about 450m away from the future Kai Tak MTR station of the Shatin-Central Link, for the development of an indoor sports centre. In response to district demands for swimming facilities, we will consider providing a heated swimming pool in the proposed indoor sports centre. We aim to consult the Kowloon City District Council (KCDC) on the proposed project scope in 2017. Subject to the views of KCDC, we will take forward the project and commence design works in accordance with the established procedure.

**Work progress of the major duties of Principal Assistant Secretary
(Recreation and Sports)2 (PAS(RS)2)**

(f) a report on the work progress of the major duties under the charge of PAS(RS)2, including assessment on the completion of the various tasks.

8. The work progress of the major duties of PAS(RS)2 is at **Annex B**.

Yours sincerely,



(Ms Linda Law)

for Secretary for Home Affairs

c.c. Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Attn.: Ms Esther LEUNG)

**List of private sports clubs and other organisations operating facilities
on land granted under Private Recreational Leases (PRL)**

	Name of PRL Lessees
1.	Aberdeen Boat Club Limited
2.	Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong
3.	Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong (formerly known as The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church in Hong Kong)
4.	Chinese Recreation Club, Hong Kong
5.	Clearwater Bay Golf and Country Club
6.	Club De Recreio
7.	Council of the Hong Kong Sea Cadet Corps
8.	Craigengower Cricket Club
9.	Directors of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong
10.	Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong
11.	Filipino Club
12.	Hebe Haven Yacht Club Limited
13.	Hong Kong Award for Young People (formerly known as The Duke of Edinburgh's Award)
14.	Hong Kong Buddhist Association
15.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association (formerly known as Hong Kong Amateur Rowing Association Limited)
16.	Hong Kong Chinese Civil Servants' Association
17.	Hong Kong Country Club
18.	Hong Kong Cricket Club
19.	Hong Kong Football Club
20.	Hong Kong Girl Guides Association
21.	Hong Kong Golf Club
22.	Hong Kong Gun Club
23.	Hong Kong Jockey Club
24.	Hong Kong Model Engineering Club Limited
25.	Hong Kong Playground Association
26.	Hong Kong Red Cross
27.	Hong Kong Softball Association
28.	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association
29.	Hong Kong Youth Hostels Association
30.	India Club, Kowloon
31.	Indian Recreation Club
32.	Jardine's Lookout Residents' Association

	Name of PRL Lessees
33.	Kowloon Bowling Green Club
34.	Kowloon Cricket Club
35.	Kowloon Tong Club
36.	Kowloon Tsai Home Owners Association
37.	Mong Kok District Cultural, Recreational & Sports Association Limited
38.	Municipal Services Staff Recreation Club Limited
39.	Outward Bound Trust of Hong Kong Limited
40.	Pakistan Association of Hong Kong, Limited
41.	Po Leung Kuk
42.	Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club
43.	Scout Association of Hong Kong
44.	South China Athletic Association
45.	Tai Po Sports Association Limited
46.	The Post Office and Cable & Wireless Recreation Club Limited
47.	Victoria Recreation Club
48.	Yau Yat Chuen Garden City Club Limited
49.	Yuen Long District Sports Association Limited

**Work Progress of the major duties of
Principal Assistant Secretary (Recreation and Sports)2
[PAS(RS)2]**

(a) Planning of the Multi-purpose Sports Complex (MPSC) project

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) established the MPSC project team in 2014, currently led by PAS(RS)2, to actively pursue the preparation of the project on various fronts. In March 2014, we commenced the **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)**. Noise measurements have been taken at football games, rugby matches and pop concerts to help us formulating noise mitigation measures. We are now finalising the EIA report with a view of making a statutory submission in mid-2016.

2. In terms of the **master layout planning** of the MPSC, we presented the planning consultant's findings to the Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development of the Harbourfront Commission (Task Force) in November 2015, which included increasing the height limit of the main stadium from 55 metres to 75 metres above the Hong Kong Principal Datum so as to allow for greater design flexibility, inclusion of a hotel in the MPSC project to provide accommodation for participants of sports and other events as well as visitors; and amending the disposition of the pedestrian landscaped deck between the northern and southern parts of the MPSC to enhance connectivity with the surrounding areas. Taking into account their comments, we have been carrying out urban design study and preparing a landscape proposal for the MPSC. After completion, we will consult the Task Force again later this year and finalize our planning submissions to the Town Planning Board.

3. In 2015-16, we engaged the joint venture of KPMG and Advisian, Rider Levett Bucknall Limited and Leigh & Orange Limited as the **operations consultant, quantity surveying consultant and technical services consultant** respectively for the MPSC project. The operations consultant assists HAB in drawing up the operation and business plans, financial forecast, procurement approach and performance requirements of the MPSC, as well as in consulting the stakeholders during the planning process. The quantity surveying consultant assists HAB in reviewing the cost of the main works, preparing tender documents and assessing tenders for the main works, as well as reviewing the different procurement strategies. The technical services consultant helps prepare technical specifications and conceptual drawings, as well as assess tenders for the main works. All three consultancies are in progress and expected to be completed by end-2017.

4. While our operations consultant will continue to engage the sports sector and entertainment industry, we are planning to launch a **public engagement exercise** in the second quarter of 2016 which would include launching a new project website, conducting roving exhibitions across the territory, carrying out a public opinion survey and consulting relevant district councils.

5. We have commenced the **topographical and tree surveys** at the project site in February 2016 and will commence the **ground investigation and utility mapping** in the next few months to provide inputs to the preparation of tender documents for the main works of the MPSC. The site works mentioned above are expected to be completed by early 2017.

(b) Review of Policy on Private Recreational Leases (PRL)

6. PAS(RS)2 is also responsible for overseeing the PRL policy review. In June 2014, HAB set up an inter-departmental working group comprising representatives from the Development Bureau, the Lands Department, and other concerned bureaux and departments to review the PRL policy. Given the scope and complexity of the review, which cuts across policy responsibilities of different bureaux and departments and involves different types of PRL, and having regard to the need to strike a proper balance amongst various considerations including sports development needs, land use, interests of PRL lessees and their members, and the wider public interest, the working group has been deliberating on the full range of issues relating to the PRL policy in a prudent manner with a view to formulating a practicable way forward. Based on the current progress, we aim to complete the review in 2016, and report our recommendations to the Panel on Home Affairs of the Legislative Council thereafter.

(c) Review of the Provision of Sports Facilities in Hong Kong

7. To follow up on the 2015 Policy Address, the Working Group on Sports Facilities was set up under the Sports Commission in July 2015 to review the level of demand for various types of sports facilities and to consider whether and how the current Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines should be revised to better meet such demand. To support the work of the Working Group, PAS(RS)2 plays a leading role in analysing existing supply situation, identifying shortcomings in the current planning standard and coordinating views from relevant bureaux/departments, the sports sector and other stakeholders. Taking into account views of the Working Group, we plan to engage a consultant in mid-2016 to carry out a study on the demand and supply of sports facilities in Hong Kong and to make recommendations on future provision of sports facilities to serve Government's policy objectives on sports development. The Working Group aims to complete its review and come up with preliminary recommendations by the end of 2017.