

**Measures taken by the Home Affairs Department to ensure that timely actions would be taken on ineligible rates-exempted houses outside designated village areas**

- (1) The Rating and Valuation Department ("RVD") provides the Home Affairs Department ("HAD") regularly with reports of rental records pertinent to rates exempted tenements;
- (2) Land Registry and RVD would notify HAD upon change of ownership/rates payers pertinent to rates exempted tenements;
- (3) HAD randomly selects 10 exempted cases per district (i.e. 90 cases in total) every six month for the Lands Department ("LandsD") to conduct field inspection regarding the existence of unauthorized building works ("UBWs"); and
- (4) HAD provides a list of all rates exempted houses to LandsD every four months for matching check against the records maintained by the eight New Territories District Lands Offices for houses which have been detected to have UBWs during their routine work.