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Dear Mr Lo,

**Legislative Council Panel on Housing
Meetings on 10 May 2016**

I enclose response to the motion passed at the meeting on
10 May 2016 (**Annex**) for Members' reference.

Yours sincerely,

(Original Signed)

(Jerry Cheung)

for Secretary for Transport and Housing

**Legislative Council Panel on Housing
Meeting on 10 May 2016**

Shek Lei Interim Housing

Supplementary Information

PURPOSE

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Housing on 10 May 2016, Members passed a motion requesting the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA), in the redevelopment of Blocks 10 and 11 of Shek Lei (II) Estate, to properly rehouse the existing residents and reserve some of the units for use as interim housing (IH) so as to provide temporary accommodation for persons with special needs. The response is as follows.

DETAILS

2. At the panel meeting on 10 May, the Housing Department (HD) explained the policy on rehousing any persons who were rendered homeless. For details, please refer to LC Paper No. CB (1)868/15-16(04). At the meeting, HD also explained that having considered the views from the Audit Commission and the Legislative Council Public Accounts Committee, the building age of Shek Lei IH as well as the feasibility of constructing more public rental housing (PRH) units in the Extended Urban district, HD was discussing with relevant departments and studying the conversion of Shek Lei IH into public housing development. After the study is completed and when the development proposal is ready for submission, HD will consult the District Council at an appropriate time and submit the proposal to HA for consideration and approval.

3. It is anticipated that the existing Po Tin IH, comprising about 3 200 units, will be able to meet the future demand for IH. IH is a transitional accommodation by nature. In the long run, PRH is the ultimate solution to

address the housing needs of low-income families who cannot afford private rental accommodation. Given the acute shortage of housing resources and the lack of Urban/ Extended Urban land, suitable sites for housing in the Urban/ Extended Urban area should be reserved for PRH developments as far as possible, which will ultimately benefit those inadequately housed households PRH applicants. Should Shek Lei IH be redeveloped in the future, HA will maximise the production of PRH units to address the keen demand for PRH units by low-income families. HD will keep in view the situation of IH and will review the supply of and demand for IH from time to time.

4. Since the conversion of Shek Lei IH into public housing development is still under study at this stage, there is no specific information regarding clearance date, implementation details and rehousing arrangements available from HA for the time being. According to HA's established procedures, the clearance arrangement proposal will be submitted to Subsidised Housing Committee (SHC) of HA for consideration prior to formal announcement of the clearance operations. Should the proposal be endorsed, HA will, as in the past, give reasonable advance notice to affected households and make appropriate rehousing arrangements. As reference, according to the clearance and rehousing arrangements for Long Bin IH, HA will give a 24-month advance notice and Domestic Removal Allowance to the affected households. Affected single-person and two-person households may opt for Singleton Allowance and Doubleton Allowance respectively in lieu of rehousing. As for those affected households who have fulfilled PRH eligibility and wish to purchase Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) flats, they may apply to HA for a Green Form Certificate, and purchase new HOS flats under Priority Green Form status in the HOS sales exercise subject to approval of the relevant sales arrangement of the new HOS by SHC, or to purchase HOS flats without the need to pay premium in HOS Secondary Market.

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