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Please quote our reference in response to this letter.

26 May 2017

By Fax: 2543 9197

Public Accounts Committee
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Complex,
1, Legislative Council Road,
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Attn: Mr Anthony CHU

Dear Mr CHU,

Public Accounts Committee
Consideration of Chapter 2 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 68
Monitoring of Charitable Fund-Raising Activities

I refer to your letter dated 17 May 2017 and would like to provide the required information as follows:-

Lands Department (LandsD) has noted paragraph 1.9 and Appendix I of the Audit Report which mention the Law Reform Commission (LRC) Report's recommendation for the Government to "set up a platform of coordination in dealing with applications for charitable fund-raising licences among the different departments". The Director of Audit has also specifically recommended the streamlining of the processing and approvals of fund raising activities.

While LandsD has not been involved in the monitoring of fund-raising activities authorised by the respective licensing authorities for public subscription permits, lottery licences and temporary hawker licences, we have been providing input on land status to the licensing authorities when required. For fund-raising activities involving the setting up of booths or counters on government land, we have also been

processing and approving, where possible, applications for temporary use of government land when such applications are received. Hitherto we have not promulgated clear guidelines as to whether such separate approvals by LandsD are really necessary when the temporary occupation by booths/counters forms part of fund-raising activities approved/to be approved by the various licensing authorities, and the practice varies across districts.

In an attempt to streamline the administrative processes for approving fund-raising activities, LandsD will promulgate guidelines to confirm that no separate approval for temporary occupation of government land is required from LandsD in respect of fund-raising activities approved by the relevant licencing authorities. We will nonetheless continue to provide comments to the licensing authorities and potential licensees when approached, by checking the land status of the concerned locations and, where the locations involve unleased and unallocated land, advising whether any potential and approved occupations by booths or counters, which may or may not be related to fund-raising activities, are known to LandsD.

We will draw up guidelines implementing the above arrangement in consultation with FEHD, SWD and HAD before launching the revised arrangement. We trust the streamlined arrangement would help reduce the workload of the applicant, while facilitating internal cross-checking to avoid the scenario of multiple parties setting up booths or counters in the same areas of unleased and unallocated government land at the same time.

Yours faithfully,



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