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Dear Ms CHUNG,

**Legislative Council Panel on Development
Collapse Incident of the Balcony of a Tenement Building
on Gillies Avenue South, Hung Hom**

I refer to your email on 23 June 2017, enclosing a letter from the Hon. LAU Kwok-fan of 22 June 2017 requesting an independent investigation and a report to the public regarding the captioned matter. The Development Bureau provides reply as follows.

After the captioned incident, the Buildings Department (BD) immediately conducted detailed inspections on the subject building on Gillies Avenue South, Hung Hom. On the same day (i.e. 21 June), the G/F, 1/F, 2/F and 3/F of the building were temporarily closed for emergency works. The government contractor demolished the balcony on the 1/F and erected temporary propping for the balconies of the 2/F and 3/F. The emergency works were completed the next day (22 June) and the areas were re-opened immediately so that the residents affected could return to their units.

The BD considered that the building has no risk of collapse. However, owing to its dilapidated condition, the BD issued an investigation order to the owner of the building (i.e. 46, 48 and 50 Gillies Avenue South, Hung Hom) on 23 June, requiring the owner to appoint an authorized person to conduct a

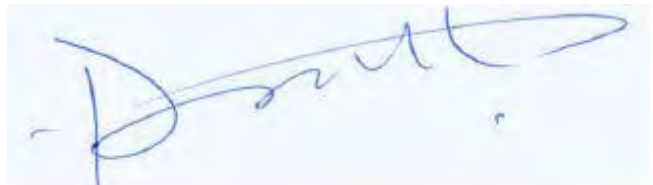
detailed investigation into the structure and condition of the building and to submit a report.

On 24 June, BD staff also inspected 37 old buildings in the vicinity of the subject building, six of which required emergency works by government contractor immediately. Among the remaining 31 buildings, 11 had obvious defects, 12 had minor defects and eight had no apparent defect. Apart from the necessary emergency works, the BD has issued Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme notices and/or investigation orders to all the owners subject to the conditions of individual buildings under the Buildings Ordinance, requiring the owners to fulfil their statutory duties. The BD will keep track of the progress as appropriate to ensure public safety.

The BD is undergoing an investigation on the cause of the collapse which is expected to take three months. Once the investigation is completed, the BD will upload the investigation report on its website for public information.

Should you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact the undersigned officer at 3509 8852.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Development

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