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Mr Anthony Chu  
Clerk to Public Accounts Committee  
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1 Legislative Council Road  
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Dear Mr Chu,

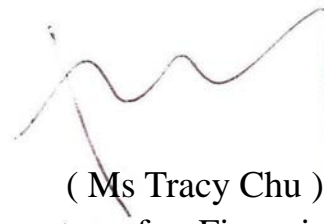
**Public Accounts Committee**

**Consideration of Chapter 8 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 69  
Provision of government office accommodation and  
utilisation of government sites**

Thank you for your letter of 19 December 2017 of the captioned,  
requesting our response to the matter raised at **Annex**. Our response has

been added to **Annex** for the consideration of the Public Accounts Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ms Tracy Chu', is written over a faint, rectangular stamp or watermark.

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**Question**

With reference to paragraph 2.16, what measures will the Administration take to prevent further slippage to the six projects which had encountered delays? As the relocation of the Wan Chai Law Courts is still under planning without a projected completion date, does the Administration consider that the estimated completion date of 2025-2026 is realistic and achievable?

**Response from the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau**

The relocation of the Wan Chai Government Offices Compound (“WCGOC”) is a mega project involving 28 bureaux/departments (“b/ds”) and the Judiciary, with a total staff headcount of over 10 000. A project of such scale and complexity calls for detailed planning, extensive preparatory work and careful implementation. As set out in paragraph 2.16 of Chapter 8 of the Director of Audit’s Report No. 69, while the delay of the six replacement building projects were mainly due to unforeseeable factors such as changes in project scope to meet local needs and technical constraints, the concerned b/ds are making concerted efforts to work towards the target of completing the replacement building projects under the relocation exercise by 2025-26.

The Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (“FSTB”) assumes an overall policy role in monitoring the WCGOC relocation exercise. FSTB is assisted by the Government Property Agency (“GPA”), which serves as a coordinator in liaising with the Architectural Services Department (“ArchSD”) (works agent of the replacement building

projects) and the user departments (including the project proponents of the replacement buildings and the b/ds to be relocated in the exercise). FSTB agrees with the recommendation of the Audit Commission and will, in collaboration with GPA and ArchSD, closely monitor the implementation of the nine replacement building projects for the WCGOC relocation exercise. GPA will continue to submit regular progress reports to FSTB. The progress of WCGOC is also a standing discussion item discussed at regular meetings held by FSTB with GPA. Should any individual projects encounter problems, on the advice of GPA and / or ArchSD, FSTB stands ready to help resolve interface issues between departments and drive for progress.

GPA will continue to assist FSTB in monitoring the overall relocation schedule, closely liaise with the concerned b/ds in tracking progress, and update FSTB promptly of issues of concerns, if any, to facilitate early resolution. For the three replacement buildings for which GPA is responsible (namely the West Kowloon Government Offices in Yau Ma Tei, the Treasury Building in Cheung Sha Wan, and the Joint-user Government Office Building in Tseung Kwan O), GPA will work hand in hand with ArchSD and the b/ds to be relocated therein to meet the target completion dates.

ArchSD, as the works agent of the projects, will carry out building design for the projects in a timely manner and provide technical support to the project proponents to facilitate early completion of consultations and the funding approval process. Barring further significant changes to the project scope and design requirements due to unforeseeable circumstances, ArchSD will proceed with the procurement of works contracts expeditiously, and closely monitor the progress of the construction works until project completion.

Taking into account the progress to date of and the procedures required for all the replacement building projects, including the future District Court Complex for the relocation of the Wan Chai Law Courts, it is our target to complete the replacement building projects under the WCGOC relocation exercise by 2025-26.