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Dear Mr CHU,

Follow-up to Public Accounts Committee Report No. 39

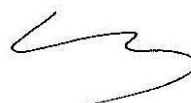
Small house grants in the New Territories

Thank you for your letter dated 5 January 2018 to the Secretary for Development.

The concern of Public Accounts Committee (PAC) about the Small House Policy (the Policy) is duly noted. The existing Policy has been in operation for a long period of time. Any review inevitably involves complicated issues in aspects such as legal, environment, housing, land use planning and demand on land, all of which require careful examination. As the Development Bureau has to accord priorities to other more pressing policy issues under its purview, the review of the Policy is not a priority task for the time being.

Separately, given that the Policy is currently subject to a judicial review (JR), the Government is not in a position to make any public comment on issues that may prejudice its handling of the case. We will keep in view the development of the JR and consider the way forward for the review on the Policy.

Yours sincerely,



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