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**By Post & Email**

1 June 2020

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

**Public Accounts Committee**

**Consideration of Chapter 7 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 74  
Management of short term tenancies by Lands Department**

Thank you for your letter of 22 May 2020.

We have issued, on 2 April 2020, to the Panel on Development an information note entitled "Progress Report on Funding Scheme to Support the Use of Vacant Government Sites by Non-government Organisations for the Financial Year 2019-20" (LC Paper No. CB(1)500/19-20(01) <sup>1</sup>, as enclosed). The paper contains detailed information about the eight approved applications, progress of individual projects, and overall management of the funding scheme. Subsequent to the issuance of the information note, we have approved three additional applications for the respective project proponents to initiate detailed design and site investigations in respect of their projects, and the total funding approved for these three projects amounts to about \$15 million.

**\*Note by Clerk, PAC:** LC Paper No. CB(1)500/19-20(01) not attached.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr19-20/english/panels/dev/papers/devcb1-500-1-e.pdf>

Government would brief the Panel on Development on the aforesaid progress report at its next meeting scheduled for 23 June 2020.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jackie Liu', is centered on the page. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

( Jackie Liu )  
for Secretary for Development

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Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

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