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Miss Betty MA  
Clerk to Panel on Security  
Legislative Council  
Legislative Council Complex  
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Dear Miss MA,

**Legislative Council Panel on Security  
Follow-up Actions for Meeting on 7 January 2020**

**Progress of the Fire Safety Improvement Works Subsidy Scheme**

At the meeting of the Panel on Security held on 7 January 2020, the Government was requested to provide information regarding the progress of the Fire Safety Improvement Works Subsidy Scheme (FSWS). Relevant information is set out as follow.

The Government, in partnership with the Urban Renewal Authority (URA), implemented the \$2-billion FSWS since 2018 to subsidise owners of target composite buildings (TCBs) in complying with the requirements on enhancing the fire safety standards of common areas of the buildings concerned pursuant to the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance. It was then anticipated that the amount of \$2 billion could benefit around 2 000 TCBs. Subsequently, the Government has injected additional funding of \$3.5 billion into FSWS. The whole subsidy scheme is estimated to benefit around 6 000 to 6 500 buildings.

The first round of FSWS was open for application from July to October 2018, while the second round was open for application from July to October 2020. After vetting the applications, URA started notifying relevant applicants of the first and second rounds of whether their applications meet the basic requirements within the first quarter of 2019 and 2021 respectively.

As at end May 2021, among the 2 356 applications meeting the basic requirements in the first round of FSWS, URA has issued letters of Approval-in-principle (AIP) to 1 667 applicants and approached them for commencement of fire safety improvement works. For the 689 remaining applications, it is estimated that URA can issue AIP to all the applicants by December 2021.

As for the second round of application, as at end May 2021, there are a total of 839 applications which meet the basic requirements. URA is sending notifications to the relevant applicants gradually, expecting to start issuing AIP to the applicants in batches no later than September 2021.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Cheung', written in a cursive style.

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