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Legislative Council Finance Committee Secretariat  
Legislative Council Complex  
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(Attn: Ms Angel SHEK)

Dear Ms SHEK,

**Motion passed under paragraph 37A of the  
Finance Committee Procedure in relation to  
agenda item FCR(2019-20)27 at the meeting on 4 December 2020**

In respect of the motion passed by the Finance Committee at the meeting on 4 December 2020, having consulted the Civil Engineering and Development Department, the Development Bureau hereby provides responses to the four parts of the motion.

Yours sincerely,

(Original signed)  
( Jacky WU )  
for Secretary for Development

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Director of Planning (Attn: Mr NG Kim-wai)

Director of Civil Engineering and Development (Attn: Mr Raymond IP)

## **Finance Committee**

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#### **Parts (1) and (2) of the Motion**

2. In deriving the 42-month study period of the studies related to artificial islands in the Central Waters, we have strived to compress the study period and have given due consideration to various factors, including the information already available to the project team, the development scale of the artificial islands, the technical scope and complexity of the studies as well as the study periods of other new development areas/new town extension projects. Although there is not much room for further shortening of the study period, we will endeavour to complete the studies as soon as possible.

#### **Part (3) of the Motion**

3. The scope of the studies related to artificial islands in the Central Waters includes conducting a planning and engineering study for the artificial islands around Kau Yi Chau, in which different models and financing options for the implementation of mega infrastructure projects associated with the artificial islands will be explored.

#### **Part (4) of the Motion**

3. The Government all along makes use of different means to explain the objectives of the studies related to artificial islands in the Central Waters to the public and stakeholders. We will strengthen our efforts in publicity, including using websites, social media and distribution of leaflets to promulgate accurate information and data. Over the course of the studies, we will organise different types of public engagement activities to provide more comprehensive and scientific information so as to facilitate the public to express their views on the development options of the artificial islands.

**Development Bureau  
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