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Urban Renewal Authority Bill
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central
Hong Kong

Dear Miss Leung,

**Bills Committee on the
Urban Renewal Authority Bill**

Thank you for your letter of 3 June 2000.

Under the Urban Renewal Authority Bill, the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) is not under the purview of the Director of Audit.

At present, the Land Development Corporation, the Airport Authority, the Mass Transit Railway Corporation, the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation and the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority are not under the purview of the Director of Audit. The mode of operation of the URA is similar to these statutory corporations/authorities.

As the URA would have to operate along commercial lines in its joint-venture partnerships with private developers, it would be more appropriate if the URA does not come under the purview of the Director of Audit. To include the URA under the purview of the Director of Audit may affect its mode of operation.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Planning and Lands

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Director of Planning
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