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Dear Ms TANG,

LegCo Panel on Housing
Follow-up to Meeting on 4 May 2000

Thank you for your letter dated 10 May 2000. The Housing Department's response to paragraph 1(c) and (d) on the Shek Yam Estate Redevelopment Project (Phase 2) is set out below.

Types of repairs to be undertaken by the Housing Department (para 1(c) of your letter)

Defects will normally be made good by the main contractor during the maintenance period as required under the Conditions of Contract. The Housing Department will take up the maintenance responsibility for the Shek Yam Estate after the expiry of the maintenance period as in the case of other rental estates.

Requests of the Resident Group of Shek Yam Estate Blocks 4 and 5 (para 1 (d) of your letter)

The Housing Department's views on the requests of the Resident Group of Shek Yam Estate Blocks 4 and 5 are as follows —

- (a) The Housing Department has taken the initiative to appoint an in-house independent investigation team to assess and verify the quality and structural integrity of the works. To facilitate public consumption, the Department will consolidate the findings for the information of the public. Since the alleged sub-standard works are only finishing works of a minor nature and no major defects have been found, it is considered unnecessary to appoint yet another independent consultant to inspect the works as requested by the Resident Group.
- (b) On behalf of the Housing Authority as the landlord, the Department is responsible for maintaining the buildings concerned. All damages to internal decoration work caused by sub-standard building works will be evaluated and compensation paid in accordance with legal requirements.
- (c) At this stage, there are no plans to include the Shek Yam Estate under the Tenants Purchase Scheme.

Grateful if you would convey the above information to Members.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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