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Ms Anita Sit
Clerk to Public Works Subcommittee
3rd Floor, Citibank Tower
3 Garden Road
Hong Kong

Dear Ms Sit,

**Public Works Subcommittee:
Meeting on 12 February 2003**

I refer to paragraph 22 of the minutes of the above meeting and would like to provide the following supplementary information as requested.

Subject to feasibility study¹ and funding approval, we plan to proceed with the development of the 7220-place prison complex at Hei Ling Chau for completion by 2013 or later. When commissioned, the new prison complex will be able to take over all the prisoners kept in the correctional institutions on Hong Kong Island and in Kowloon, including the Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre and the proposed female prison² at the same location³. The current plan is to decommission all these institutions after the transfer of the prisoners and release the buildings and sites for alternative uses or redevelopment to meet the community needs. At present there is no pre-determined plan for any of these buildings and sites after their vacation. Their possible alternative uses will be examined and reviewed by relevant bureaux

¹ 5072LC – Prison development plan at Hei Ling Chau – feasibility study and preliminary site investigation for land formation and infrastructure works.

² 3073LC – Reprovisioning of Victoria Prison at Lai Chi Kok old staff married quarters site.

³ The whole site is currently zoned for “Government, Institution or Community” use on the draft Lai Chi Kok Outline Zoning Plan No. S/K16/11.

and departments (including the Planning Department and the Lands Department) in due course as the proposed project at Hei Ling Chau proceeds further.

Yours sincerely

(David Wong)
for Secretary for Security