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Public Accounts Committee
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(Attn: Mr. Colin CHUI)
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Dear Mr Chui,

**The Director of Audit's Report on the
Results of value for money audits (Report No. 39)**

Chapter 8: Small house grants in the New Territories.

With reference to your letter of 23 December 2002, the information requested by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) is as follows:-

- (a) relevant extract of the minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Small House Policy Working Group held on 1.10.1987 relating to the imposition of a 3-year moratorium on the removal of the non-assignment clauses in the small house grants under the village expansion area (VEA) scheme is enclosed at Annex for reference.
- (b) when this issue was raised by the Administration at its liaison meeting held on 10.1.2002 with Heung Yee Kuk (HYK), the Kuk's comments were similar to those made in their letter of 23.12.2002

to the PAC. They considered that Government should only take action on the three court cases; and objected to further restrictions on the assignment of small houses. At that time HYK did not wish to discuss the issue further without details of the three court cases involving malpractices in the assignment of small house developments and statistics on abuses. Subsequently, copies of the court judgements were provided to HYK and the matter will be further discussed at the next Lands Department and HYK Working Group Meeting to be held later this month. We would not be able to give detailed comments on HYK's views expressed in its letter of 23.12.2002 to the PAC until after the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Lau', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

(Patrick LAU)
Director of Lands

**Note by Clerk, PAC: Annex not attached.*