

Provision of a footbridge for the CSWGO

165. DArchS agrees with the PAC recommendation and will take steps to ensure that in future where changes are necessary after the commencement of design in a design-and-build contract, the extra time and cost involved are agreed with the contractor before the issue of variation orders.

Chapter 8 - The administration of sale of land by public auction

166. In the light of the PAC discussions, we have put in place various measures to improve the procedures for sale of land by public auction. First, LandsD has issued a Practice Note to advise prospective purchasers that, upon release of the Conditions of Sale, all related enquiries should be addressed to LandsD. It will keep records of all enquiries received, answers given and follow-up action taken. If an enquiry relates to a basic ambiguity in the Conditions of Sale of a site and amendments to the Conditions of Sale are made to remove the ambiguity as a result, LandsD will advertise the amendments prior to the auction. Second, LandsD will seek clarification from the Director of Buildings on the classification of a site where necessary before auction of that site. Amendments have also been made to LandsD's existing instructions to include the circumstances under which a reference to the maximum gross floor area will have to be included in the Conditions of Sale of a site.

167. As regards amending the Building (Planning) Regulations to refine the definition of "streets" for site classification purposes, we are currently working on the relevant legislative amendment proposals. We plan to introduce the proposed amendments into the LegCo later this year. In the meantime, we have already issued a Practice Note with guidelines on what constitutes a street for site classification purposes.

168. LandsD has completed a review of departmental instructions relating to approval for provision of additional car-parking spaces. Following the review, the instructions have been amended to include clearer provisions regarding the assessment for land premium in cases where approval is given for the provision of additional carparking spaces in a site.

Chapter 9 - Radio Television Hong Kong : Performance and resource management

Performance measurement and reporting

169. In the light of the D of A's recommendations regarding measures to improve performance measurement and reporting, Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) has introduced new performance indicators and is devising indicators for reporting the extent RTHK succeeded in fulfilling its role as a public service broadcaster.

170. In the 2002-03 Controlling Officer's Report (COR), RTHK has already included new staff productivity indicators for the Public Affairs Television (PATV) service, namely "Number of programmes produced" and "Number of programmes produced per programme staff".