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Ms Anita Sit
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Dear Ms Sit,

Panel on Planning, Lands and Works**Small House Policy and Missing and illegible leases**

Thank you for your letter of 2 January 2004. The information requested is as follows :

(a) **Review of the Small House Policy**

The review of the Small House Policy is in progress. The Policy review involves a number of complex and inter-related issues, such as the optimal use of land resources, and various environmental and transport infrastructural matters associated with small house developments. The Administration needs to study these matters in a comprehensive manner.

As set out in the Administration's 2004 Policy Agenda, we aim to consult various stakeholders with a view to making preliminary proposals on the Policy for more in-depth discussion.

As regards the timetable for the completion of the review, the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands has indicated on a number of occasions that he aims to pursue the matter and related issues within his tenure of office.

(b) Proposed legislation to resolve the problem of missing and illegible leases

This proposed legislation involves a number of legal and technical issues which have implications on private property rights. Therefore, the Administration needs to study these issues carefully before finalizing the legislative proposals. We intend to start the consultation exercise with concerned parties in the first half of this year. Depending on the outcome of the consultation, we hope to introduce the proposed legislation in the 2004/05 legislative session.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

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