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(Attn : Mr Colin Chui)

Dear Mr Chui,

Follow-up to Public Accounts Committee Report No. 39

Small house grants in the New Territories

I refer to your letter of 11 January 2006, asking about the latest position on the above subject.

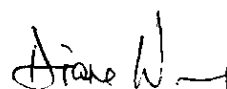
Review of Small House Policy

To take forward the review, we have set up an inter-departmental Steering Committee to look into various issues relating to the Small House Policy. This is a very complex subject which requires us to consider the social, economic and environmental development in the New Territories and the whole of Hong Kong since its introduction in 1972. We are studying the various issues and have yet to complete them for the formulation of preliminary proposals. We will continue our efforts and report progress as and when we are ready.

Streamlined Procedures for Processing Small House Applications

Cooperation of the Heung Yee Kuk is essential to the smooth implementation of the streamlined procedures for processing small house applications. We have been engaging in active dialogue and negotiation with the Kuk in respect of certain aspects under the proposed streamlined procedures, including the requirement for small house applicants to make statutory declarations, and the revised procedures for handling objections to small house applications. Discussion with the Kuk are still on-going. We will put in place the set of streamlined procedures as soon as the above matters are resolved.

Yours sincerely,

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(Miss Diane Wong)

for Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands