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Dear Mr BONG,

Panel on Public Service

Private certification of building submissions

On behalf of Hon TAM Yiu-chung, Chairman of the Panel on Public Service (PS Panel), I write to invite the Task Force to Review the Construction Stage of the Development Process (Task Force) to provide information on the consultancy study on private certification of building submissions (consultancy study).

At the PS Panel meeting held yesterday, Hon WONG Kwok-hing and Hon KWONG Chi-kin informed the Panel that a total of 14 civil service staff associations had approached them and expressed grave concern about the consultancy study and the impact of private certification of building submissions on civil servants. Members of the Panel appreciated their concern and agreed that representatives of the Administration, the Task Force, and the civil service staff associations concerned be invited to a meeting for discussion of the consultancy report and the way forward.

To facilitate the PS Panel to finalize the meeting arrangements, the Chairman of the Panel would like to invite the Task Force to provide the following information about the consultancy study:

- (a) Purpose and scope of the consultancy study;
- (b) Work plan of the Task Force on the consultancy study, including –
 - (i) Target date for completing the consultancy study and publication of the consultancy report;

- (ii) Target date for presenting the consultancy report to the Administration; and
 - (iii) Target date for presenting the consultancy report to the relevant Panel(s) of the Legislative Council (LegCo);
- (c) Whether staff consultation has been conducted; if yes, outcome of staff consultation; if not, whether and when staff consultation will be conducted.

Given that the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works (PLW Panel) has discussed the proposed consultancy study at its two meetings in July and December 2005 and that the consultancy study is expected to be completed in June 2006, the PS Panel is considering the option of inviting the PLW Panel to hold a joint meeting in July 2006 for discussion of the subject. To facilitate the Panel's consideration, I should be grateful if you would let me have the required information (in both Chinese and English) **by 9 June 2006**. Please forward the soft copy of the information to Ms May LEUNG at mleung@legco.gov.hk.

Please note that unless you raise objection, the information provided to the Panel will be made available to the media and public and placed in the Library of LegCo. It may also be made available on the LegCo Web Site.

Please feel free to contact me at 2869 9244 or Ms Rosalind MA at 2869 9498 if you have any enquiries.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Salumi CHAN)
Clerk to Panel

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