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Clerk to the Finance Committee
Legislative Council Building
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Hong Kong
(Attn: Miss Becky YU)

Dear Miss Yu,

Finance Committee
Follow-up to meeting on 15 June 2007

I refer to your letter of 18 June 2007 to the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury which has been referred to this Bureau for reply.

The responses provided by the Home Affairs Bureau to items (a) and (c) of your letter are attached.

As regards item (b), the paper on 728CL – Preservation of Queen's Pier discussed at the Finance Committee Public Works Subcommittee meeting on 23 May 2007 has outlined the arrangements for preserving the Queen's Pier. The Administration is working on the implementation details for the storage and reassembly of the Pier and will let the Planning, Lands and Works Panel of the Legislative Council have the information when it is ready. We shall liaise with the Clerk to the Panel direct. The information referred to in (d) will also be provided to the Panel in that context.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

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Finance Committee
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- (a) To provide details of the Grade I buildings which have been demolished by the Administration over the years and whether District Councils (DCs) have been consulted.

Reply: Available information of the Grade I historic buildings which have been demolished over the years are tabulated below :

Item	Name & Address	Remark
<i>A. Demolished Grade I Historic Buildings</i>		
1.	Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building Queen's Road Central, Des Voeux Road Central, Central, Hong Kong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building under private ownership.
2.	Marine Department Building No. 102 Connaught Road, Central, Hong Kong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the decision to demolish the Grade I historic building was made by the Administration before the introduction of the District Administration Scheme in 1982, no prior consultation was made with the relevant District Council.
3.	Old General Post Office Building Corner of Pedder Street, Connaught Road, Central, Hong Kong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the decision to demolish the Grade I historic building was made by the Administration before the introduction of the District Administration Scheme in 1982, no prior consultation was made with the District Council.
4.	Old Hong Kong Club No. 3 Jackson Road, Central, Hong Kong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building under private ownership.

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5.	St. Joseph's Home for the Aged Church No.35 Clear Water Bay Road, Ngau Chi Wan, Kowloon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building under private ownership.
<i>B. Partially Demolished Grade I Historic Buildings</i>		
6.	Old Mental Hospital No. 2 High Street, Sai Ying Pun, Hong Kong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Antiquities Advisory Board in 1980 recommended that the masonry façade should be retained and incorporated into the new building. • The Central and Western District Board was consulted in 1988 and 1990. Given the diverse views on whether the façade should be preserved, it was finally agreed in 1998 that the façade would be preserved and incorporated into the present Sai Ying Pun Community Centre.
7.	Shut Hing Study Hall Tong Fong Tsuen, Ping Shan, Yuen Long, New Territories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building under private ownership. • Only the entrance hall is retained.
<i>C. Relocated Grade I Historic Buildings</i>		
8.	Tin Hau Temple Wong Lung Hang, Tung Chung, Lantau Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building under private management. • Originally situated at Chek Lap Kok, the Temple was relocated to the present site in 1993 due to the construction of the Hong Kong International Airport.

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9.	Murray House Stanley, Hong Kong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Originally located at the corner of Queensway and Garden Road, Central, the Murray House was dismantled in late 1982 for relocation. Reconstruction of the Murray House in Stanley was completed in 2000. • As the decision to demolish the Grade I historic building was made by the Administration before the introduction of the District Administration Scheme in 1982, no prior consultation was made with the District Council.

(c) To advise on the number of Tin Hau Temples in Hong Kong which have been preserved in the context of reclamation.

Reply: Tin Hau Temples are generally situated near the seashore area. The Tin Hau Temples preserved in the context of reclamation include those now located at Tin Hau Temple Road in Causeway Bay, Aberdeen Main Road in Aberdeen, Lok Shan Road in To Kwa Wan, Temple Street in Yau Ma Tei and Po Tung Road in Sai Kung.