Panel on Development

List of follow-up actions

(Position as at 19 March 2014)

Subject (Responsible Bureau/Office)	Date of meeting	Follow-up actions required	Administration's response
1. PWP Item No. 5019GB Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and associated works site formation and infrastructure works (Development Bureau)	7 January 2014	The Administration was requested to provide the following information: (a) regarding each of the construction contracts under PWP Item No. 19GB that had commenced, i.e. Contracts 2, 3 and 5, the name(s) of the contracting party/parties and its/their parent company/companies; (b) regarding the construction of the proposed Lung Shan Tunnel, (i) the name(s) of the consultant(s) undertaking the site investigation works;	Administration's response awaited

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		(ii) an assessment on whether the Administration could put a claim on the consultant(s) for failing to take into consideration the poor ground conditions in preparing the design and cost estimation of the tunneling works in a timely manner;	
		(c) with regard to the increase of 46.5% in construction prices and the increase of 34.9% in the provision for price adjustment (para. 22 of LC Paper No. CB(1)638/13-14(01)),	
		(i) a detailed analysis and breakdown to explain what had led to the increases, including the weighting of the "contract price fluctuation payment" (para. 19 of the paper) in the increases; and	
		(ii) whether the factors in (c)(i) could have been taken into account in working out the previous cost estimate.	

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2.	Increasing housing land supply (Transport and Housing Bureau)	29 January 2014 (Joint meeting with the Panel on Housing)	The Administration was requested to provide an analysis on the vacancy rates of housing units in Hong Kong, including public and private housing, and to respond to the view that there was a substantial number of vacant units to satisfy the housing demand of Hong Kong people.	
3.	Challenges to delivery of the Capital Works Programme (Development Bureau)	25 February 2014	The Administration was requested to provide the following information: (a) Given that the 60% increase in the unit construction cost of government offices from 2009 to 2013 (as shown in page 28 of the Administration's powerpoint presentation (LC Paper No. CB(1)1001/13-14(01)) was only an average rate, the relevant details about the increase of such cost during the said period etc; (b) Details about the claims submitted to the Administration by contractors of public work projects for losses caused by shortage of construction manpower (such as the number/names of the projects involved, the	Administration's response awaited

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		amounts claimed and settled etc.); and (c) More information about the "new engineering contract" form, including the background for introducing the form, the arrangements for sharing and management of risks, whether and how the form could reduce project costs, and how it would help achieve better collaboration between the contracting parties.	
4. Manpower increase for implementing initiatives to increase land supply and redistribution of responsibilities among directorate posts in the Development Bureau and Civil Engineering and Development Department (Development Bureau)	25 February 2014	 The Administration was requested to provide the following information: (a) Details of the composition, including the number of personnel and their respective grades, of the new cross-disciplinary team to be headed by the proposed Deputy Secretary (Planning and Lands)3 within the Planning and Lands Branch of the Development Bureau; (b) A comparison between the existing establishment of staff involved in the implementation of initiatives to increase 	Administration's response awaited

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		land supply and the establishment in the 1990s for the implementation of the Airport Core Programme (during the commencement stage and at the peak of the construction works) with a breakdown by directorate and non-directorate posts; and (c) Details of the directorate and non-directorate posts to be created in the Development Bureau and various departments in 2014-2015 for carrying out the initiatives to increase land supply, including their ranks and duties.	

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