Panel on Development

List of follow-up actions (Position as at 23 June 2014)

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1.	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.	response was issued to members on 6 June 2014 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1573/13-14(01).
2.	Proposed amendments to Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 28) (Development Bureau)	22 April 2014	The Administration was requested to provide the following information: (a) Enforcement actions taken by the Lands Department against unlawful occupation of unleased Government land, in particular, under what circumstances the Department would: i) take clearance action; (ii) regularize the cases by granting short-term tenancies ("STT") to	response was issued to members on 3 June 2014 vide LC Paper No.

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		the original occupiers; (iii) put up the concerned site for STT through public tender; and (iv) initiate prosecution actions;	
		(b) Other improvement measures, apart from proposing legislative amendments to increase the level of penalties and introducing a daily fine, taken by the Lands Department in response to the recommendations in the reports of the Director of Audit and the Public Accounts Committee on the unlawful occupation of unleased Government land;	
		(c) Details about how the frontline staff of the Lands Department conduct site inspections, including the tools and methods applied, to detect cases of unlawful occupation of unleased Government land; and	
		(d) With a breakdown by 18 districts, information (e.g. locations, areas, uses of	

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		 individual sites) about unleased Government land (i) that had been held through STT (with the tenancy duration); (ii) that was available for STT; (iii) that was suitable for mid-term or long-term development, and the plans for such developments. 	
3. PWP Item No. 347WF Reprovisioning of Harcourt Road fresh water pumping station (Development Bureau)	27 May 2014	The Administration was requested to provide the following information: Justifications for reprovisioning the pumping station	Administration's response awaited
		(a) An extract of the "Urban Design Study for the New Central Harbourfront" ("UDS") report recommending that office development could be proposed for the site currently occupied by the Hong Kong Red Cross Headquarters and the Harcourt Road fresh water pumping	

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		station ("the Site") and the relevant justifications;	
		(b) A chronology of events after the publication of the UDS report in 2011 leading to the proposal on the reprovisioning of the Harcourt Road fresh water pumping station at a site near the Central Fire Station on Cotton Tree Drive, including the major decisions made and the works/studies undertaken by the relevant departments;	
		(c) the respective estimated land premiums of the Site at the 2014 price level under the following two circumstances: (i) relocating the Harcourt Road fresh water pumping station to another place; (ii) in-situ reprovisioning of the pumping station;	
		Alternative sites	
		(d) Alternative sites that had been considered by the Administration for the	

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		reprovisioning of the Harcourt Road fresh water pumping station and the pros and cons of each site;	
		(e) Whether the Administration had considered reprovisioning the Harcourt Road fresh water pumping station in-situ or at a site near the new Central harbourfront, such as the site for the Central Military Dock; if not, the reasons;	
		Trees affected by the works	
		(f) Of the trees transplanted under previous public works projects, (i) the number of these trees which had survived; (ii) the number of these trees which had died subsequently; and (iii) the successful rate of transplantation;	
		(g) Criteria for considering whether trees affected by construction works should be felled or transplanted;	

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		(h) Breakdown of the 118 trees which had to be removed by age and size;	
		Public consultation	
		(i) Written records or confirmation from the Central and Western District Council indicating its support for the proposed works.	
4. PWP Item No. 769CL Pilot study on underground space development in selected strategic urban areas (Development Bureau)	27 May 2014	The Administration was requested to provide the following information in the relevant paper(s) for the Public Works Subcommittee – (a) Respective scope of the territory-wide study commenced in December 2013 for completion in December 2015 on underground space development in the urban areas of Hong Kong and the Pilot Study under PWP Item No. 769CL; and the justifications for conducting two	awaited
		separate studies on underground space development concurrently; and	

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		(b) Reasons for selecting the four districts, namely, Tsim Sha Tsui West, Causeway Bay, Happy Valley and Admiralty/Wan Chai, on which there were concerns about the impact of underground space development on the traffic conditions and pedestrian flows, for the Pilot Study.	

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