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Clerk to Panel on Education  
Legislative Council  
Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
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(Attn: Miss Polly YEUNG)

Dear Miss YEUNG,

**Panel on Education**

**Issue related to the use and disposal of vacant school premises**

I refer to your letter of 14 December 2015 to the Secretary for Education, enclosing a letter of the same date from Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG on the captioned subject. I am authorised to reply as follows.

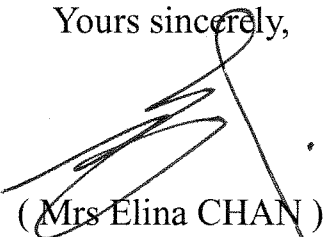
The Administration has introduced a central clearing house mechanism to handle vacant school premises ("VSP") in October 2011. When a vacant / to-be-vacated school premises is identified, the Education Bureau ("EDB") will consider whether the premises is required by EDB for school or other educational use having taken into account various factors such as the size, location and physical conditions of the relevant premises. Since school premises are purpose-built buildings for school operation, we would in general accord higher priority to school use (e.g. primary schools, secondary schools, special schools and international schools) before considering other educational use. Should

EDB wish to deploy a VSP for other educational use, EDB would need to put forward the proposed use with justifications to the Planning Department ("PlanD"). For VSP which are not required by EDB for school or other educational uses, we will "return" them under the central clearing house mechanism by informing PlanD and the relevant departments (such as the Lands Department and Housing Department). PlanD, in its role as a "central clearing house", will consider suitable alternative uses for such sites.

For bureaux and departments who wish to use VSP for community and welfare uses, they may approach PlanD to identify available and suitable VSP "returned" by EDB under the central clearing house mechanism. For example, the VSP of the ex-CCC Kei Leung Primary School in Tuen Mun, ex-CCC Kei Ching Primary School in Tai Po and ex-Sai Kung Central Primary School in Sai Kung are planned to be converted into integrated services centres for the provision of elderly and rehabilitation services.

The Administration agrees with Chapter 3 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 65 on the use and disposal of vacant school premises that there is room for improvement in the identification, allocation and management of VSP. EDB will follow up the recommendations set out in the Audit Report with relevant departments.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Education