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Mr Anthony CHU
Clerk to the Public Accounts Committee
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
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Dear Mr CHU,

Follow-up to Part 4 of the Public Accounts Committee Report No. 65, Para. 23-25 New Civil Aviation Department Headquarters

Further to my letter dated 22 January 2016 and the subsequent updates to the Government Minute issued on 25 May 2016 and to the Annual Progress Report to the Public Accounts Committee issued on 1 November 2016 on the progress of the investigation undertaken by the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) on the new Civil Aviation Department Headquarters project, I write to provide an update on the investigation which has been completed.

THB's investigation was conducted in strict compliance with the established civil service procedures. The investigation team had examined internal project documents and external communication records at different project stages; the examination was to ensure a fair and comprehensive review from different perspectives, and to establish the facts and identify the causes of the non-compliance incidents as well as the officers who should be held accountable. In the course of THB's investigation, a law enforcement agency had undertaken a criminal investigation into the matter. At the request of the agency, THB had put its investigation work on hold until the completion of the agency's investigation. The result of THB's investigation is set out at **Annex**.

With best wishes for the Year of the Rooster!

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Joyce CHAN) for Secretary for Transport and Housing

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c.c. Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
Director of Audit
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Annex

New Civil Aviation Department Headquarters Updated Progress of Implementing Audit's and PAC's Recommendations

Para. No.	Audit's/PAC's Recommendations	Progress to date
Para. No. Part 4 of the PAC Report No. 65, Para. 23-25		THB has completed the investigation. According to the investigation outcome, there is evidence indicating acts of misconduct by a senior directorate officer of CAD. Pursuant to the evidence gathered from the investigation and in accordance with established civil service procedures, THB has taken summary disciplinary action against the officer concerned. In addition, the investigation revealed prima facie evidence indicating alleged acts of misconduct by a retired directorate officer of CAD. As this officer has already retired, the civil service disciplinary mechanism is not applicable. However, THB has issued a letter to the retired officer concerned and also put the letter on the personnel file, clearly expressing THB's stance on the acts of misconduct alleged against the officer.
		As the follow-up action to PAC's recommendation has been completed, we recommend deleting this item
		from the next progress report.