

**Panel on Housing and Panel on Development**

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion  
at the joint meeting on 6 December 2016**

The Administration was requested to provide the following information:

- (a) when the mechanism for reporting and management of consultants' performance, including their compliance with ethical commitments, had been established; when the review of the said mechanism (including the level of regulating actions against poor performance and non-compliance) had been commenced; and the expected completion date of the review;
- (b) when the decision to suspend Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd ("OAP") from bidding all categories of consultancy agreements under the jurisdiction of the Engineering and Associated Consultants Selection Board for three months had been made;
- (c) the number of consultancy agreements awarded to OAP in a three-month period in 2016 (e.g. January to March or April to June 2016, etc.), and the contract value of each of these agreements;
- (d) when the Development Bureau and/or the Civil Engineering and Development Department had first sought legal advice from its internal legal advisory division and the Department of Justice respectively regarding OAP's non-compliance with the "confidentiality" and "conflict of interest" provisions in its consultancy agreements with the Government;
- (e) whether the investigation regarding OAP's non-compliance with the "confidentiality" and "conflict of interest" provisions in its consultancy agreements with the Government be extended to cover the private developer of which its planning application had quoted the information obtained from government consultancy agreements;
- (f) regarding the outstanding investigations of other cases of non-compliance with the "confidentiality" and "conflict of interest" provisions in the consultancy agreements between the Government and consultants:
  - (i) when the investigation had been commenced; and

- (ii) the total number of cases investigated, the number of identified non-compliant cases, and the number and names of consultants involved.
- (g) two maps for comparison, showing respectively:
- (i) the government land (about 3.4 hectares) and private land (about 3.5 hectares) within the development boundary of Phase 1 of public housing development at Wang Chau as quoted in the press release on government response to media enquiries on development at Wang Chau issued on 28 September 2016; and
  - (ii) the site of around 5.6 hectares of Phase 1 of public housing development at Wang Chau as included in the Planning and Engineering Study on the feasibility of the Wang Chau Housing Development and Yuen Long Industrial Estate Extension.
- (h) response to address members' concerns over the adoption of informal consultation (or "soft lobbying") for development projects in the New Territories, given that there might be conflicts between the interest of the local stakeholders selected for informal consultation and the projects; and
- (i) the justifications for retaining the two items relating to the development at Wang Chau in the funding proposal "Capital Works Reserve Fund Block Allocations for 2017-2018" submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee, regardless of the motions passed at the meeting of the Panel on Development on 22 November 2016 requesting the Administration to take out the two items for separate consideration (LC Paper No. CB(1)177/16-17(01)).