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Dear Ms Szeto,

Relocation of the Wan Chai Government Offices Compound

The Government was requested by the Public Works Subcommittee at its meeting held on 12 February 2018 to provide supplementary information on the relocation of the Wan Chai Government Offices Compound (WCGOC). The relevant supplementary information is at **Annex**.

The Panel on Financial Affairs will discuss the agenda item VII "Construction of the Joint-user Government Office Building in Cheung Sha Wan" on 5 March 2018. As the proposed joint-user government office building is one of the replacement building projects under the relocation of the WCGOC, I should be grateful if you would

circulate the supplementary information at **Annex** to Members of the Panel on Financial Affairs for their reference.

Yours sincerely,



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Relocation of the Wan Chai Government Offices Compound

This note gives an overview of the relocation exercise of the Wan Chai Government Offices Compound ("WCGOC").

Background

2. It is government policy to accommodate its offices in government-owned properties as far as circumstances permit and re-provision those with no location requirements out of high value areas, including the central business districts ("CBD"). The Government has decided that the WCGOC site will be used for the development of convention and exhibition venues, hotel facilities and Grade A office space.

The relocation exercise

3. The WCGOC site involves a total floor area of 175 000m², with over 10 000 staff of 28 government bureaux / departments ("b/ds") and the Judiciary. In view of the scale and complexity of the relocation exercise, the Government will take it forward in phases.

4. Nine replacement building projects are being or will be implemented to accommodate the b/ds to be relocated from the WCGOC. Apart from re-provisioning the government offices currently accommodated at the WCGOC, the replacement buildings will also provide space for government accommodations currently in leased private premises to provide security of tenure, enhance operational efficiency and achieve savings in rental expenditure. Public facilities will also be provided in some of the buildings to meet local service needs as and when appropriate.

5. The nine replacement building projects will be located at Yau Ma Tei, Kai Tak, Cheung Sha Wan, Tseung Kwan O, Chai Wan and Causeway Bay respectively. A map indicating the locations of the nine replacement buildings projects is at **Enclosure A**. Their locations are decided having regard to the location, space and operational requirements of the affected b/ds and availability of suitable sites. Most of the replacement buildings projects are located in non-CBD and/or new districts such as Kai Tak and Tseung Kwan O.

Implementation timetable

6. Relevant b/ds are actively taking forward the implementation of the nine replacement building projects under the WCGOC relocation exercise. The latest progress of these replacement building projects is provided at **Enclosure B**.

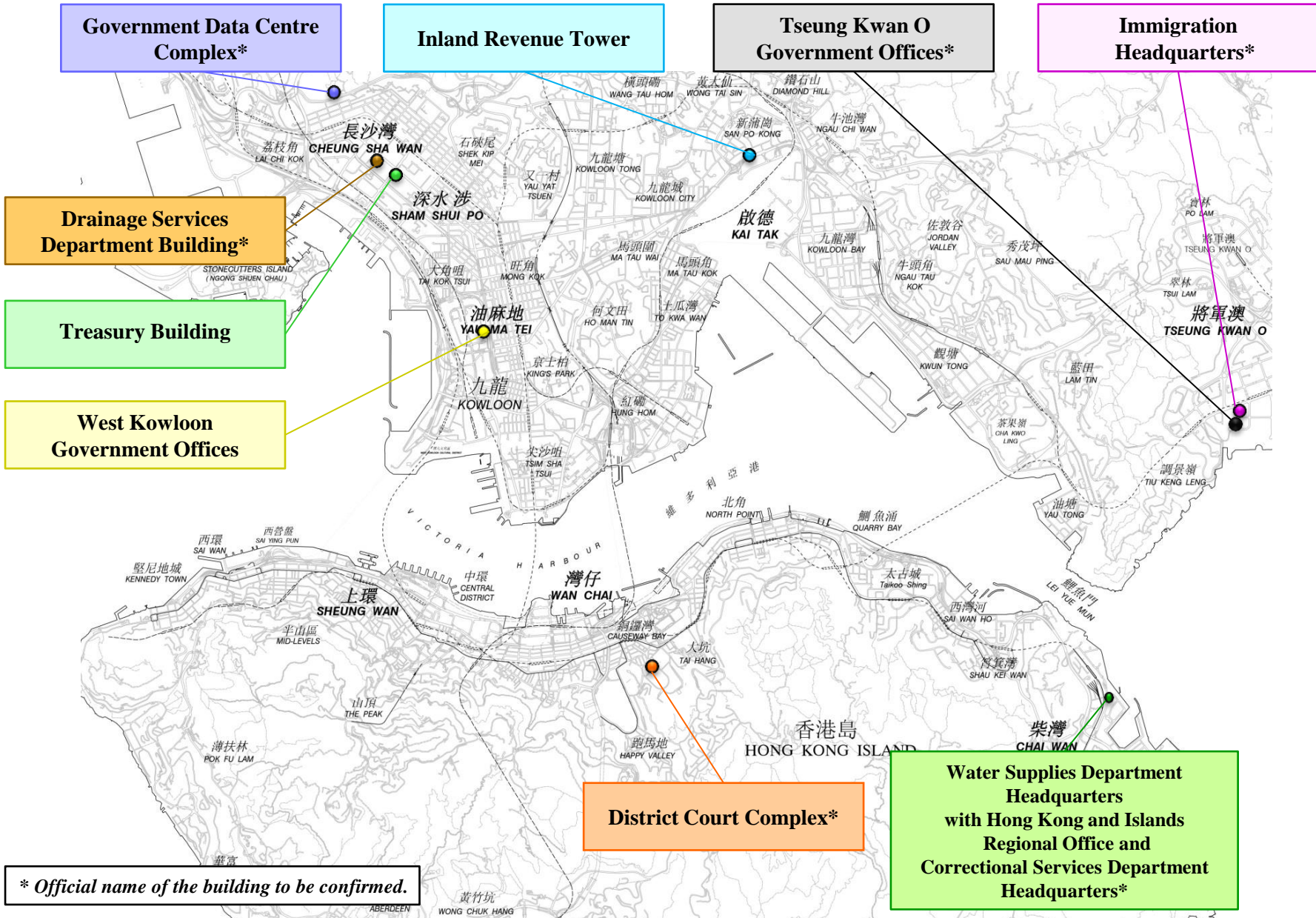
7. We expect that the first substantive move away from the WCGOC (involving a total floor area of about 9 900m² and three departments) may start in 2019, after the completion of the construction works of the West Kowloon Government Offices in early 2019. The subsequent phases of relocation will take place when the other replacement buildings are ready for occupation. To this end, the Government aims to seek the funding approval of the Finance Committee (“FC”) of the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) for the proposed construction of the Inland Revenue Tower in Kai Tak, and the proposed Government Data Centre Complex and the Treasury Building in Cheung Sha Wan within the first half of 2018. At the same time, the relevant b/ds are working on the preparation of the remaining five building projects with a view to seeking funding support from FC in due course. It is the Government’s target to complete all the replacement building projects under the WCGOC relocation exercise by 2026.

Benefits to the community

8. The relocation exercise will release the valuable land in Wan Chai for convention, exhibition and commercial uses, which will add new impetus to the economic development of Hong Kong. The relocation of government offices to non-CBD may also promote office decentralisation, resulting in a better utilisation of land resources and a more balanced distribution of employment and economic activities territory wide.

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Replacement Buildings Projects for Relocation of Wan Chai Government Offices Compound (WCGOC)



* Official name of the building to be confirmed.

Replacement Buildings Projects under the Relocation of the Wan Chai Government Offices Compound

| | Replacement building project [Joint-user Building (“JUB”) / Specialist / Departmental Building (“SDB”)] | Location | Bureaux/departments (b/ds) to be accommodated | Examples of planned public facilities | Target completion date | Estimated / approved project cost (in money-of-the-day prices) | Progress (Please refer to Enclosure B1) |
|---|---|-----------------|--|---|-------------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | West Kowloon Government Offices (JUB) | Yau Ma Tei | Buildings Department, Civil Engineering and Development Department, Lands Department, Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”), Government Property Agency, Social Welfare Department (“SWD”), Transport Department (“TD”), and Department of Health (“DH”) | A student health service cum special assessment centre, and a dental clinic for civil servants and eligible persons | Early 2019 | \$4,742.5M (Design-and-build (“D&B”) contract of the project approved by the Finance Committee (“FC”) in June 2015) | Construction in progress. |
| 2 | Government Data Centre Complex (SDB)* | Cheung Sha Wan | The Complex will provide accommodation for the following 9 b/ds to host information technology equipment racks for data centre services: Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (“OGCIO”), Census and Statistics Department (“C&SD”), Education Bureau (“EDB”), Food and Health Bureau (“FHB”), | - | Late 2021 | \$52.6M (Pre-construction consultancy services approved by FC in June 2015) The estimated construction cost will be provided when the Public Works Subcommittee (“PWSC”) is consulted on the | Tender assessment for construction works in progress. To seek funding approval from FC in the first half of 2018. |

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| | | | Hong Kong Observatory, Hong Kong Police Force, Immigration Department (“ImmD”), LCSD, and Treasury | | | project. | |
| 3 | Treasury Building (JUB) | Cheung Sha Wan | Security Bureau, Treasury, OGCIO, Office of the Communications Authority, Labour Department (“LD”), Registration and Electoral Office, Hongkong Post (“HKP”), Efficiency Unit (to be renamed as Efficiency Office with effect from 1 April 2018), FHB / Hospital Authority (“HA”), SWD, and TD | A general out-patient clinic, recruitment centres, a child care centre, and a day care centre for the elderly | Mid 2022 | \$103.2M (Pre-construction consultancy service and site investigation works approved by FC in November 2015) \$2,281M (For construction works) | Tender assessment for construction works in progress. To consult the Panel on Financial Affairs on 5 March 2018 and seek funding approval from FC in the first half of 2018. |
| 4 | Inland Revenue Tower (SDB) | Kai Tak | Inland Revenue Department | - | Mid 2022 | \$3,600M (D&B contract) | The project is being considered by PWSC. To seek funding approval from FC in the first |

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| | | | | | | | half of 2018. |
| 5 | Immigration Headquarters* (SDB) | Tseung Kwan O | Immigration Department | - | Mid 2023 | The estimated construction cost will be provided when PWSC is consulted on the project. | Tender for the D&B contract was invited in January 2018. |
| 6 | Tseung Kwan O Government Offices* (JUB) | Tseung Kwan O | C&SD, EDB, Environmental Protection Department, Innovation and Technology Commission, Independent Commission Against Corruption, Department of Justice, FHB / HA, DH, SWD, LD, HKP, and TD | A general out-patient clinic, a family clinic, a dental clinic and a child care centre for civil servants and eligible persons, a job centre, a delivery office, and Social Security Field Unit | Early 2024 | The estimated construction cost will be provided when PWSC is consulted on the project. | Preparation work of the prequalification tender for the D&B contract in progress. |

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| 7 | Water Supplies Department Headquarters with Hong Kong and Islands Regional Office and Correctional Services Department Headquarters* (SDB) | Chai Wan | Water Supplies Department, Correctional Services Department, DH, and TD | A dental clinic for civil servants and eligible persons | Early 2024 | The estimated construction cost will be provided when PWSC is consulted on the project. | The Eastern District Council supported the project in December 2017. Preparation work is in progress. |
| 8 | Drainage Services Department Building* (SDB) | Cheung Sha Wan | Drainage Services Department, and SWD | - | Late 2023 | The estimated construction cost will be provided when PWSC is consulted on the project. | The Sham Shui Po District Council was consulted on the project in January 2018. |
| 9 | District Court Complex* (SDB) | Causeway Bay | The Judiciary | - | By 2026 tentatively | The estimated construction cost will be provided when PWSC is consulted on the project. | The Judiciary is preparing the requirements for court facilities and other support facilities. |

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