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Panel on Home Affairs

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for the meeting on 26 March 2018**

Monitoring of Private Recreational Leases

Purpose

This paper provides background information on Private Recreational Leases ("PRLs") and summarizes the major views and concerns expressed by members of the Panel on Home Affairs ("the Panel") on the subject.

Background

Private Recreational Leases

2. PRLs are special purpose leases granted to organizations that provide facilities for recreational purposes. PRLs require the lessees to permit outside bodies to make use of their facilities to organize sports and recreational activities. According to the information provided by Administration in June 2013, there were a total of 69 PRLs, of which the lessees included private sports clubs, social and welfare organizations, uniformed groups, National Sports Associations ("NSAs"), district sports associations and civil service organizations. Most PRLs were subject to renewal between end-2011 and 2012.

3. According to the Administration, the land leases concerned will be renewed under the existing policy, if (a) there have been no significant breaches of the prescribed lease conditions; (b) the sites are not required for a public use; and (c) the lessees have upheld a non-discriminatory membership policy.

Administration's proposals for organizations operating premises under Private Recreational Leases to further open up their facilities to outside bodies

4. At the Panel meeting on 13 May 2011, the Administration briefed members on the initial conclusions of its review on the extent to which organizations operating under PRLs could be more open to outside bodies and

contribute more to the development of sports in Hong Kong. Members discussed the Administration's proposal of revising the conditions of PRLs. Having regard to members' views, the Administration reverted to the Panel on the way for processing renewal of PRLs at the meeting on 8 July 2011. Members were advised that when renewing PRLs, the Administration would impose requirements for lessees to further open up their facilities, including:

- (a) requiring the lessees of PRLs to open up their facilities for use by outside bodies up to 50 hours per month or more, instead of the condition of "no more than three sessions of three hours per week"; removing the condition that outside bodies were not allowed to use the facilities during weekends or public holidays; and introducing a new lease condition that would give outside bodies the option of booking sports facilities of lessees of PRLs directly, rather than having to go through a "competent authority" (viz. the Secretary for Home Affairs, Secretary for the Civil Service, Secretary for Education, Director of Social Welfare or Director of Leisure and Cultural Services);
- (b) requiring all private sports clubs operating under PRLs to put in place junior membership schemes that allowed young sportsmen and sports women below a certain age to join at significantly reduced rates of entry, and requiring such clubs to allow NSAs to book their facilities for training or competitions for a minimum of 10 hours per month;
- (c) requiring private sports clubs operating under PRLs which had high-quality facilities suitable for hosting major international sports events to allow NSAs to use their facilities for staging recognized international events; and
- (d) removing from all PRLs those lease conditions which might be considered obsolete.

Progress with lease renewal

5. At its meeting on 14 June 2013, the Panel was briefed of an update on the progress of renewing PRLs and measures to improve the monitoring of facilities that operated under PRLs. Members noted that the Administration considered it appropriate to continue to renew PRLs for 15 years for the reasons set out in **Appendix I**.

6. The Administration also informed members that all lessees had been required to submit a scheme for opening up their facilities more extensively for

use by outside bodies, and lease renewal procedures by the Lands Department had proceeded on the basis of the approved schemes. By the end of May 2013, the Administration had approved 47 such schemes and the lease renewal procedures had been completed for seven PRLs. The Administration would renew the remaining leases subject to there being no outstanding breaches of lease conditions.

Deliberations of the Panel

7. The major views and concerns expressed by members at the meetings on 13 May and 8 July 2011 and 14 June 2013 are summarized below.

Length of term of lease renewal

8. At the meeting on 14 June 2013, some members expressed dissatisfaction with the Administration's decision to continue to renew PRLs for 15 years. These members considered a 15-year lease term too long as a comprehensive review of the policy of PRLs had not yet been conducted. They considered that the leases should be renewed for a shorter period of, say, three to five years. There was also a view that the Administration should not adopt an "across-the-board" approach to deal with all PRLs as a distinction should be made between private sports clubs which had small membership size and charged exorbitant membership fees and those non-profit making organizations with a mission of promoting sports in the community. Some other members, however, considered it acceptable for the Administration to renew the leases for another term of 15 years as most of the private sports clubs and non-profit-making organizations operating facilities on land granted under PRLs had invested a lot in the development and management of sports and recreational facilities over the years and had contributed significantly to meeting the sporting and recreational needs of the community.

9. The Administration advised that renewing existing leases for a 15-year term was in line with the long established policy. Moreover, it would allow lessees time to respond to possible policy changes by the Administration. Nevertheless, during the recent renewal exercise, the Home Affairs Bureau ("HAB") had already advised all PRL lessees explicitly that the Administration would conduct a comprehensive review of the PRL policy and that there should be no expectation that their leases would be further renewed when they next expired, or that even if the leases were further renewed, they might not be renewed at nominal premium or on the same terms and conditions as before. The Administration's intention was to ensure that the 15-year renewal term would not prejudice the outcome of the review of the PRL policy. Moreover, under the existing lease terms, the Administration had the power to resume

specific sites occupied under PRLs for a public purpose, provided that a 12-month notification period was given to the lessee concerned.

10. The Administration further informed members that upon completion of the current PRL renewal exercise at the end of 2013, HAB would work with the relevant bureaux and departments to conduct a comprehensive review of the policy on PRLs. The Administration advised that it would endeavor to complete the review within the Fourth Term Government.

11. At the Panel meeting on 14 June 2013, Hon WU Chi-wai moved a motion expressing objection to the Government's approval for renewal of PRLs for 15 years and calling on the Government to immediately withdraw its decision to renew PRLs of some private clubs which occupied a vast area of land but were used by few people. The voting result was that the motion was negated.

Requirements for lessees to open up their facilities

12. As regards the Administration's proposed revision to the access requirement relating to private sports clubs' facilities under PRLs, some members considered it inadequate to require PRLs lessees to open up their facilities to outside bodies for 50 hours per month or more. They held the view that the Administration should require the private sports clubs to further open up their facilities having regard to their capacity and availability.

13. The Administration explained that private sports clubs operated under PRLs had contributed to Hong Kong's sports and recreational development. The proposed revised access requirement had struck a balance between the operational needs of private sports clubs and the public demand for using the facilities there. The revised condition of "50 hours per month or more" would facilitate outside bodies to conduct all-day training or hold competitions. PRL lessees were also required to submit a scheme for opening up their sports facilities more extensively for use by outside bodies. Following negotiations with individual lessees, the Administration had secured their agreement in most cases to open up their facilities far beyond the minimum of 50 hours per month. In addition, private sports clubs operated under PRLs were required to accord priority to outside bodies in hiring certain designated sessions.

14. Some members expressed concern about the difficulties faced by NSAs in arranging venues for training and competition. In their view, the Administration should take the opportunity of the renewal of PRLs to require lessees to further open up their sports facilities for use by NSAs. The Administration advised that it had introduced more stringent requirements in the renewed leases, which included requiring lessees to allow NSAs to use lessees' facilities for training or competition for a minimum of 10 hours per month and

where appropriate, to allow NSAs to use lessees' facilities for hosting international events.

15. Some members expressed concern that the "opening up" requirements would be meaningless, if lessees were not willing to make public detailed information on their "opening up" schemes and members of the public could not book the relevant facilities easily. They enquired about the penalties for breaching the lease conditions, in particular the requirement on lessees to open their sports facilities to outside bodies for a minimum of 50 hours per month.

16. The Administration advised that it would conduct random checks on lessees and act on complaints. If lease enforcement action was considered justified, it would follow up with the relevant enforcement authority. If any lessees were found to have breached the terms and conditions, they would normally be requested to rectify the breaches immediately. In case of serious breach of lease conditions, the Government could resume the land granted under the PRL concerned. Members requested the Administration to provide the numbers of complaints and cases handled in the past about breaches of lease conditions. The supplementary information provided by the Administration is in **Appendix II**.

Monitoring of Private Recreational Leases

17. Some members urged the Administration to make public the terms and conditions of all PRLs and information on the "opening up" schemes of the lessees, so as to facilitate the public to monitor compliance by the lessees with the lease conditions. The Administration advised that as PRL was a form of contract between the Government and the lessee, it would need to seek legal advice on whether the terms and conditions of PRLs could be made public. However, the Administration was stepping up publicity on various fronts including requiring lessees to provide full information on their "opening up" schemes on their websites. All PRL lessees were also required to submit quarterly reports on the utilization of their sports facilities. Members requested the Administration to provide supplementary information on the Government rent payable by each lease in 2013-2014 in terms of the percentage of the rateable value of the respective PRL lot. The information provided by the Administration was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)571/13-14(01).

18. At the meeting on 14 June 2013, the Panel passed a motion calling on the Government to establish a monitoring and vetting mechanism for the approval and renewal of land leased under PRLs, and further open up such lands for use by the public, so as to safeguard public interests. The Administration's written response to the motion is in **Appendix III**.

Latest development

19. The Administration will brief the Panel on the findings of the PRL policy review at the next meeting on 26 March 2018.

Relevant papers

20. A list of the relevant papers on the Legislative Council website is in **Appendix IV**.

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Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs

Renewal and Monitoring of Private Recreational Leases

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Length of term of lease renewal

8. We have considered whether to continue to renew PRLs for 15 years. We have concluded that this is appropriate for the following reasons —

- (a) The process of renewing a PRL takes two years or more. New leases take effect retrospectively from the date when the previous lease expired (rather than the date of signing a new lease). If we were to renew leases for a short term of say, three years, we would have to start the process of renewing leases that expired in 2011 and 2012 in 2014 and 2015 respectively. This would conflict with the timescale for and the conduct of the review of PRL policy and give us very little time in which to evaluate properly lessees' compliance with the new lease conditions and the extent to which this has helped further to promote sport and recreational opportunities for the community.
- (b) In our discussions with lessees, the majority have advised that if their leases are renewed for fewer than 15 years, with the implication that following expiry the leases might not be further renewed, they would not be in a position to make any significant investment in the development and maintenance of their facilities or to recruit new members. This would have a deleterious effect on lessees' ability to provide sports and recreational opportunities to their members and the wider community under the enhanced "opening up" arrangements.
- (c) Several of the lessees have a history stretching back over 100 years, have thousands of members and have invested significant amounts in developing facilities. Accordingly, we consider it fair to renew leases for 15 years (from the date of expiry of the current leases) to allow lessees to have sufficient time to prepare for possible major changes (which could include closing down) following the review of the policy on PRLs.

- (d) Reducing significantly the length of the term of lease renewal would be a major policy change. We consider it inadvisable to make such a change as an *ad hoc* decision in isolation without proper justification in the context of a comprehensive review of the PRL policy.

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Dear *Alice*,

**Panel on Home Affairs
at the meeting on 14 June 2013**

I refer to the LegCo Panel on Home Affairs meeting on 14 June 2013 at which the Administration was requested to provide further information in response to questions regarding Private Recreational Leases (PRLs). I am now authorised to provide the further information requested, as follows -

1) With regard to all PRLs: (i) the number of complaints received/cases handled in the past about breaches of lease conditions; (ii) what course of action the Administration had taken; and (iii) where breaches of lease conditions were substantiated, details of the lease enforcement actions taken by the Administration, such as the issue of warning letter(s) or resumption of land granted under the PRLs concerned

- (i) During the period from July 2011 to June 2013, the Lands Department (Lands D) received 12 complaints and handled a further 32 cases of suspected breaches of lease conditions detected during inspections.

The complaints and suspected breaches of lease conditions involved a total of 35 PRLs.

- (ii) Action taken by Lands D in response to the complaints and other cases included site inspections to establish whether there had in fact been breaches of lease conditions and liaison with the lessees concerned. As a result of such action Lands D found that five cases did not involve breaches of leases and therefore did not require further action.
- (iii) For the cases where breaches of lease conditions were substantiated, most of these involved unauthorised building works or minor encroachment onto Government Land, and Lands D issued warning letters to the lessees requesting rectification. 14 cases have rectified the breaches of lease conditions, 16 are in the process of carrying out rectification work, seven cases are regularising minor breaches of lease conditions and in two cases the leases of the premises in question were not renewed.

2) In respect of the existing 69 PRLs: (i) the respective area and size of the lot granted for each lessee; (ii) the proportion of the total area of land granted under these PRLs to the total usable land in Hong Kong; (iii) the annual Government rent payable by each lessee, and (iv) the membership size of the private sports clubs and other organizations operating under PRLs.

Having consulted Lands D, the Rating and Valuation Department and the lessees, we have tabulated the requested information at the **Annex**. The total area of land granted under PRLs is about 4.8 km². Lands D do not recognise the "total usable land in Hong Kong". According to the latest land utilisation figures published on the Planning Department website <http://www.pland.gov.hk/pland_en/info_serv/statistic/landu.html>, the total area of "urban or built-up land" is about 265 km².

Yours sincerely,



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List of Organisations holding Private Recreational Leases

Serial No.	Name of Holder	Location and Lot No.	Site Area (about m²)	2013/14 Government Rent Payable (Per annum) (about \$)	No. of Members¹
1.	Aberdeen Boat Club Limited	AIL 454, Shum Wan Road, Brick Hill	2,277	126,000	1,210
2.	Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church in Hong Kong	Lot 1318, Cheung Chau	6,745	55,177	See Note ²
3.	Boys' and Girls' Club Association of Hong Kong	Lot 642 DD 257, Wong Yi Chau	9,250	37,400	52,420
4.	Chinese Recreation Club, Hong Kong	IL 8875 Tung Lo Wan Road	16,490	831,600	3,230
5.	Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club	Lot 227 DD 241, Po Toi O	1,290,200	1,270,800	2,500
6.	Club De Recreio	KIL 11098 RP, No. 20 Gascoigne Road	24,073	165,600	690
7.	Craigengower Cricket Club	IL 8881 RP, No. 188 Wong Nai Chung Road	12,535	622,800	2,790
8.	Directors of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong	Lot 147 SD5, Sai Kung	13,304	24,840	76,120
9.	Directors of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong	Lot 75 DD 254, Sai Kung	29,400	20,865	76,120

¹ The figure under this column is rounded to the nearest ten.

² The lessee concerned has no membership system in place.

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10.	Directors of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong	Sha Tin Town Lot No. 366, 2 On Chun Street	111,690	543,906	76,120
11.	Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong	KIL 11105 and Extension, Off Gascoigne Road, King's Park	4,843	129,600	19,920
12.	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Hong Kong	Lot 602 R.P. DD16, Lam Tsuen	7,200	31,320	55,000
13.	Filipino Club	KIL 11222, Wylie Road	2,819	55,080	150
14.	Hebe Haven Yacht Club Limited	Lot 1138 and Extension DD 217, Pak Sha Wan	19,796	124,200	1,270
15.	Hong Kong Buddhist Association	Lot 172 in DD4, Tung Chung	4,878	5,850	16,320
16.	Hong Kong Chinese Civil Servants' Association	KIL 11048, No. 8 Wylie Road	3,096	48,240	67,070
17.	Hong Kong Country Club	RBL 1129, Wong Chuk Hang Road	21,090	410,400	2,470
18.	Hong Kong Cricket Club	IL 9019, No. 137 Wong Nai Chung Gap Road	18,448	507,600	2,350
19.	Hong Kong Football Club	IL 8846, No. 3 Sports Road, Happy Valley	29,500	1,072,800	3,240
20.	Hong Kong Girl Guides Association	IL 8894, Wong Nai Chung Gap Road	4,418	30,600	59,030
21.	Hong Kong Girl Guides Association	Lot 1754 DD 122, Ping Shan, Yuen Long	2,076	28,080	59,030
22.	Hong Kong Girl Guides Association	Lot 2544 DD 92, Hang Tau Road, Kwu Tung South, Sheung Shui	2,831	56,520	59,030

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23.	Hong Kong Girl Guides Association	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 10734 at the junction of Gascoigne Road and Wylie Road	2,357	1,000	59,030
24.	Hong Kong Golf Club	RBL 1117, Deep Water Bay	66,500	432,000	3,310
25.	Hong Kong Golf Club	Lot 942 RP in DD 94, Sheung Shui	1,706,106	2,106,000	3,310
26.	Hong Kong Gun Club	TWTL 399, Chuen Lung, Tsuen Wan	64,900	43,200	440
27.	Hong Kong Jockey Club	IL 8847, No. 1 Sports Road and Wong Nai Chung Road	92,000	9,414,000	24,210
28.	Hong Kong Jockey Club	STTL 13	682,333	18,695,601 (See Note ³)	24,210
29.	Hong Kong Model Engineering Club Limited	Lot 2416 in DD 118, Tai Tong, Yuen Long	34,955	9,882	210
30.	Hong Kong Playground Association	Lot 667 DD 2, Mui Wo	14,983	12,060	15,930
31.	Hong Kong Red Cross	Lot 142 in DD 319, Shek Pik, Lantau Island	7,181	1,746	10,940
32.	Hong Kong Sea Cadet Corps (Area Committee)	NKIL 6001, Diamond Hill	2,462	39,240	2,710
33.	Hong Kong Sea Cadet Corps (Lau Wah Sum & Samuel Derek Oates as Trustees for the Area Committee)	Lot 611 DD 256, Sai Kung	1,858	2,908	2,710
34.	Hong Kong Softball Association	KIL 11226, Tin Kwong Road	8,360	44,280	1,840

³ 2013/14 Government rent payable under this column refers to Government rent payable in respect of the whole Lot, including the racecourse. For the clubhouse portion, Government rent payable is in the sum of \$546,480.

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35.	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	Lot 752 DD 332, San Shek Wan, Lantau	10,780	53,640	34,000
36.	Hong Kong Youth Hostels Association	Lot 235 in DD Ngong Ping	7,300	990	24,220
37.	Hong Kong Youth Hostels Association	TPTL 133, Tai Mei Tuk	1,000	15,480	24,220
38.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association (formerly known as Hong Kong Amateur Rowing Association Limited)	STTL 220, Yuen Wo Road, Sha Tin	2,475	37,080	840
39.	India Club, Kowloon	KIL 11223, Gascoigne Road	3,656	68,760	330
40.	Indian Recreation Club	IL 8900, No. 63 Caroline Hill Road, So Kon Po	11,857	127,800	550
41.	Jardine's Lookout Residents' Association	IL 8895, No. 2 Creasy Road, Jardine's Lookout	12,406	106,200	2,260
42.	Kowloon Bowling Green Club	KIL 11217, Austin Road	7,311	111,600	510
43.	Kowloon Cricket Club	KIL 11216, Cox's Road	25,203	399,600	2,150
44.	Kowloon Tong Club	NKIL 5989, Waterloo Road, Kowloon Tong	8,886	190,800	2,100
45.	Kowloon Tsai Home Owners Association	NKIL 6529, No. 10A Cambridge Road, Kowloon Tong	5,716	111,600	670

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46.	Mong Kok District Cultural, Recreational & Sports Association Limited	KIL 11165, J/O Ivy Street & Beech Street	234	68,760	430
47.	Municipal Services Staff Recreation Club Limited	KIL 11225, Wylie Path	4,402	42,480	20,260
48.	Outward Bound Trust of Hong Kong Limited	Lot 590 DD 256, Tai Mong Tsai	23,893	103,680	See Note ⁴
49.	Pakistan Association of Hong Kong Limited	KIL 11220, Princess Margaret Road	2,236	33,840	500
50.	Po Leung Kuk	Lot 613 DD 257, Pak Tam Chung	48,036	194,162	See Note ⁵
51.	Po Leung Kuk	Lot 2411 DD 118 and Extension, Tai Tong	129,570	209,880	Ditto
52.	The Post Office and Cable & Wireless Recreation Club Limited	IL 8597 RP, No. 108 Caroline Hill Road, So Kon Po	4,814	61	18,090
53.	Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club	ML 709, Kellett Island	18,738	1,000	12,100
54.	Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club	RBL 1181, Middle Island	2,940	27,360	12,100
55.	Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club	Lot 341 and Extension DD 212, Che Keng Tuk	11,820	80,280	12,100
56.	Scout Association of Hong Kong	IL 8961, Mansion Street, North Point	471	6,210	95,130
57.	Scout Association of Hong Kong	NKIL 5956, Rutland Quadrant, Kowloon Tong	420	8,550	95,130

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58.	Scout Association of Hong Kong	Lot 1131 DD 217, Pak Sha Wan	2,405	29,001	95,130
59.	Scout Association of Hong Kong	Lot 154 DD 195, Sha Tin	36,600	3,708	95,130
60.	Scout Association of Hong Kong	Lot 131 in DD 60, Au Tau, Yuen Long	65	5,580	95,130
61.	Scout Association of Hong Kong	TPTL 190, Tung Tsz, Tai Po	30,200	41,760	95,130
62.	Scout Association of Hong Kong and The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association	KCTL 391, Wo Yip Hop Road, Kwai Chung	690	79,920	Girl Guides: 59,030 Scout: 95,130
63.	Scout Association of Hong Kong and The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association	STTL 272, Shui Chuen Au Street, Sha Tin	9,549	44,460	Girl Guides: 59,030 Scout: 95,130
64.	South China Athletic Association	IL 8850, No. 88 Caroline Hill Road, So Kon Po	32,480	1,641,600	56,460
65.	South China Athletic Association	KIL 11218, Wylie Path	5,309	83,160	56,460
66.	Tai Po Sports Association Limited	TPTL 6 and Extension, Area 4, Tai Po	3,051	173,160	3,200
67.	Victoria Recreation Club	Lot 316 DD 252, Sai Kung	14,100	24,120	1,280
68.	Yau Yat Chuen Garden City Club Limited	NKIL 6042, 7 Cassia Road, Yau Yat Chuen	5,903	392,400	2,330
69.	Yuen Long District Sports Association Limited	YLTL 520	1,163	66,690	5,320

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Dear *Alice*,

**Panel on Home Affairs
Motion passed at the meeting on 14 June 2013**

I refer to your letter dated 17 June 2013 requesting the Administration to provide response to the motion passed by the Panel on Home Affairs at its meeting held on 14 June 2013 –

“That this Panel calls on the Government to establish a monitoring and vetting mechanism for the approval and renewal of lands leased under Private Recreational Leases, and further open up such lands for use by the public, so as to safeguard public interests.”

I am authorised to reply as follows.

As indicated in the paper discussed by the Panel on Home Affairs on 14 June, we have been in the process of establishing a mechanism to monitor the use of the lands granted under Private Recreational Leases (PRLs). Under this mechanism, the lessees will be asked to submit quarterly reports on utilisation of their sports facilities. We are also securing funds to set up an electronic database for the purpose.

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We have formally advised PRL lessees back in 2011 that there should be no expectation that their leases would be further renewed when they next expire, and that even if the leases are renewed, they might not be renewed at nominal premium or on the same terms and conditions as before.

As reported to the Panel on 14 June 2013, all lessees have been required to submit a scheme for opening up their facilities more extensively for use by outside bodies. Details of all the 47 schemes approved so far are available on HAB's website, and lessees are required under the renewed leases to provide the relevant information on their own websites.

We have undertaken to conduct a review on the PRL policy which will be driven by considerations of land use and public interest, as well as from sports development perspective. We will also continue to keep the Panel informed of matters relating to PRLs. Meanwhile, please contact the undersigned or Mrs Yolanda TONG at 3509 8069 if further information is required.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Home Affairs

Relevant papers on Monitoring of Private Recreational Leases

Committee	Date of Meeting	Papers
Panel on Home Affairs	13.5.2011 (Item IV)	Agenda Minutes
	8.7.2011 (Item IV)	Agenda Minutes
	14.6.2013 (Item III)	Agenda Minutes
Council meeting	22.3.2017	Written question raised by Hon CHU Hoi-dick on "Use of lands on private recreational leases and military sites" and the Administration's reply (Official Record of Proceedings Pages 5285 – 5292)
	8.11.2017	Written question raised by Hon Andrew WAN on "Statistics on and policy review for private recreational leases" and the Administration's reply (Official Record of Proceedings Pages 1394 – 1406)
	24.1.2018	Written question raised by Hon Tanya CHAN and the Administration's reply
	31.1.2018	Oral question raised by Hon Andrew WAN and the Administration's reply