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By Email

Dear Ms LO,

**Legislative Council Public Works Subcommittee  
Immigration Headquarters in Tseung Kwan O**

Thank you for your email dated 18 February 2019 enclosing Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung's enquiries on Project 130KA – "Immigration Headquarters in Tseung Kwan O". Our reply is set out at the **Enclosure**.

Yours sincerely,

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**Immigration Headquarters in Tseung Kwan O  
Government's reply to  
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung's enquiries**

**Number of visitors**

Currently, the daily average number of visitors to the public-oriented offices of the existing Immigration Headquarters (HQ) and the relevant offices is about 6 500. However, as there will be a few more years before the completion of the construction works and the commissioning of the new HQ and with wider use of innovative technologies and the implementation of various facilitation measures, we expect that more services can be provided by electronic means, including the submission and processing of applications and the issuance of documents. This will reduce the need for the public to visit the Immigration Department (ImmD) in person, thereby alleviating the pressure arising from an increase in service demand.

**Area**

2. The new HQ will provide a net operational floor area of about 57 400 m<sup>2</sup> for ImmD, including an area of about 14 000 m<sup>2</sup> for accommodating public-oriented offices and the telephone hotline centres for answering public enquiries and providing immigration-related services, including the issuance of identity cards, the application for travel documents and the handling of applications for visas and for extension of stay, etc. The remaining area of about 43 400 m<sup>2</sup> will be used internally for accommodating ImmD's offices of various branches/divisions and operational and ancillary facilities. ImmD will flexibly deploy resources and space of the new HQ in order to meet its operational needs and service demand.

## **Services contractor**

3. Depending on the actual operational needs, ImmD will, in accordance with the Government's tendering procedures, invite and engage services contractors, including social enterprises operated by non-profit-making organisations, to provide services required for operating the new HQ.

## **Indoor fire range**

4. ImmD currently does not have its own fire range. Frontline officers are required to receive firearms and ammunition training at other departments regularly. We plan to provide an indoor fire range of about 920 m<sup>2</sup> at the proposed HQ so as to enhance the training efficiency and strengthen ImmD's capabilities in handling emergency situations in detention facilities.

5. The Castle Peak Bay Immigration Centre (CIC) is one of the detention facilities managed by ImmD. It is designated for offenders who are detained, pending removal in accordance with the Immigration Ordinance. The operation and management of the CIC has been smooth since ImmD took over its management. There has been no record of the use of anti-riot launchers and anti-riot grenades so far. At present, ImmD has no plan to relocate the CIC or set up similar facilities at the new HQ.

6. There are currently 177 posts under CIC's establishment, including 172 Immigration Service members and 5 civilian staff. To ensure the effective discharge of duties by immigration staff working at the CIC and the safety of the immigration staff and the detainees, it is necessary to equip staff at the CIC with proper anti-riot equipment. Before deployment to the CIC, it is necessary for Immigration Service staff responsible for CIC's operation to receive relevant training. The training lasts for three weeks, comprising a one-week management course of the detention centre and a two-week tactical training. The former focuses on the daily management and operation of a detention centre while the later concerns anti-riot training and the use of anti-riot equipment. To strengthen ImmD's capabilities in handling emergency

situations and to facilitate flexible deployment of manpower, ImmD plans to provide relevant training for serving and newly recruited disciplined services staff. Hence, it is essential for ImmD to have its own indoor fire range.

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