## **Legislative Council Panel on Development**

The Administration's Responses to
the Motion on
"Briefing by the Secretary for Development on
the Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address"
passed at the policy briefing-cum-meeting on 23 October 2018

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"Given that a large number of grass-roots residents are facing dire situations, living in sub-divided flats which make Hong Kong people feel ashamed or other accommodations that are illegal or in appalling conditions, I urge the Government to consider requesting the developers to provide land mainly for building public rental housing when it launches the "Land Sharing Pilot Scheme", so as to alleviate the plight of grass-roots citizens, instead of encouraging members of the public to buy their own home when there is a possibility of drastic downturn in the housing market currently in the midst of increasingly serious trade conflicts between China and the United States.

Moved by : Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee Seconded by : Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu"

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## **Government's Response**

The 2018 Policy Address proposes a Land Sharing Pilot Scheme (LSPS) to make better use of those privately owned land parcels not covered in the Government's planned development to meet the needs for both public and private housing in the short to medium term. The Development Bureau (DEVB) will formulate the feasible arrangements for the LSPS that is based on fairness and high transparency, covering ways to realise the policy directions set out in the Policy Address (e.g. no less than 60 - 70% of the additional gross floor area will be used for public housing) and details of implementation (e.g. the types of public housing to be covered). When formulating the details, we would make reference to the subject motion passed by the Panel on Development as well as public aspirations for housing, alongside other relevant factors such as

subsidised housing policies. It is our plan to introduce the pilot scheme in 2019 after making reference to the final report of the Task Force on Land Supply.

Development Bureau November 2018