

For information

**Legislative Council
Panel on Development**

**Strengthening the staffing of the Civil Engineering and Development
Department, Lands Department (LandsD), Planning Department
and Government Property Agency to enhance land supply**

Follow-up Actions to the Meeting held on 19 December 2018

This paper sets out the supplementary information sought by Members during the discussion on the subject at the meeting of the Panel held on 19 December 2018.

- (a) *details of the follow-up actions taken by the Administration in response to the recommendations made by The Ombudsman in the Direct Investigation Reports on (i) LandsD's System of Regularisation of Illegal Occupation of Government Land and Breach of Lease Conditions (published in September 2016); and (ii) LandsD's Enforcement against a Village House with Irregularities (published in September 2017)*

2. In following up the recommendations made by The Ombudsman, LandsD has stepped up the enforcement actions against the illegal occupation of Government land. While LandsD will no longer accept any applications for regularization of new cases of illegal occupation of Government land commencing on or after 28 March 2017, for those cases prior to 28 March 2017, the applicants are required to pay a punitive fee and a forbearance fee even during the processing of their applications for regularization.

3. Regarding the mentioned illegal structures on the Government land, LandsD had instituted prosecutions against the occupier, who was subsequently convicted. The occupier had also demolished all illegal structures on the Government land before 8 August 2017. For the other unauthorized structures on the agricultural land, the occupier cleared

them on 3 October 2017.

(b) the number of frontline staff of the LandsD to be increased in order to expedite the relevant land administration work in connection with the implementation of the Kwu Tung North and Fanling North New Development Areas (“NDAs”), and the Hung Shui Kiu NDA, as well as to step up the enforcement actions against illegal unlawful occupation of government land, and unauthorized structures on agricultural land or government land.

4. Nineteen non-directorate posts are proposed to be created in LandsD in 2019-20 for ten years to expedite the land administration work in connection with the implementation of the Kwu Tung North/Fanling North NDA and the Hung Shui Kiu NDA. Another 38 non-directorate posts have been approved to be created in 2018-19 to strengthen enforcement against unlawful occupation of government land and general lease enforcement work, including enforcement targeting unauthorized structures on agricultural land.

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