

Laying of the Report Report No. 80 of the Director of Audit on the results of value for money audits was laid in the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) on 26 April 2023. The Public Accounts Committee (“the Committee”)’s Report (Report No. 80) was subsequently tabled on 12 July 2023, which met the requirement of Rule 72 of the Rules of Procedure of LegCo that the Report be made within three months of the Director of Audit’s Report being laid.

2. **The Government Minute** The Government Minute in response to the Committee’s Report No. 80 was laid in LegCo on 18 October 2023. A progress report on matters outstanding in the Government Minute was issued on 29 October 2024. The latest position and the Committee’s further comments on these matters are set out in paragraphs 3 to 8 below.

Hong Kong Design Centre (Chapter 4 of Part 4 of P.A.C. Report No. 80)

3. The Committee was informed that:

- Hong Kong Design Centre (“HKDC”) drew up proposals on revamping the Design Incubation Programme and the Fashion Incubation Programme to the Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency to tie in with the new mission and work direction of the Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency after restructuring from CreateHK since June 2024. The proposal to revamp the Fashion Incubation Programme would be submitted for HKDC Board’s endorsement in the first quarter of 2025 and then the Controlling Officer (i.e. Permanent Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism) for approval; and
- HKDC reported to the Board the observations and recommendations from its Human Resources Task Force to address HKDC’s human resources issues and practices including high staff turnover and vacancy rates. The Director of Finance and Administration would continue to follow up on the Task Force’s recommendations as appropriate.

4. The Committee wishes to be kept informed of further development on the subject, and provided with time frames, where possible, for actions to be taken on the outstanding matters.

Management of public libraries

(Chapter 6 of Part 4 of P.A.C. Report No. 80)

5. The Committee was informed that :

- the Leisure and Cultural Services Department planned to include the functions related to collection development and management processes in the Smart Library System (“SLS”), which was expected to be commissioned by the end of 2025;
- upon commissioning of SLS, all libraries would fully adopt the radio frequency identification technology and provide multi-functional self-service facilities, so that libraries could extend their opening hours on a self-service basis;
- SLS would feature a central sorter together with a new logistics tracking system enabled with the radio frequency identification technology to comprehensively monitor the contractors’ performance on processing returned library materials. The procurement of returned library materials processing services would be completed in 2025; and
- the Leisure and Cultural Services Department was taking measures to enhance the search functions of library websites and mobile apps under the development of SLS, and to ensure their compliance with the relevant government circulars and guidelines.

6. The Committee wishes to be kept informed of further development on the subject, and provided with time frames, where possible, for actions to be taken on the outstanding matters.

Provision of map products and spatial data services by the Lands Department

(Chapter 7 of Part 4 of P.A.C. Report No. 80)

7. The Committee was informed that:

- the project of the implementation of automatic map generalization workflow for 1:10 000 topographic maps was expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2026;

- the Lands Department (“LandsD”) was planning to outsource the aerial survey services on a trial basis and continue to liaise with relevant departments to explore different proposals regarding replacement of the large format digital aerial camera system;
- LandsD had released the 3D digital maps for Kowloon East, Kowloon Central and Islands, and would gradually release the 3D digital maps for the remaining areas by the end of 2024; and
- LandsD had completed the first two phases of the 3D indoor mapping project covering 810 out of 1 250 buildings in total. The last phase of the project covering the remaining 440 buildings was expected to be completed by the end of 2024.

8. The Committee wishes to be kept informed of further development on the subject, and provided with time frames, where possible, for actions to be taken on the outstanding matters.