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<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

<u>Question</u>: Regarding Items 256 (Demolition of So Kon Po Cottage Area) and 257 (Demolition of Mt. Davis Cottage Area), please advise this Council:

- (a) of the progress of the aforesaid two project items;
- (b) whether the commitment balance for the project of demolition of Mt. Davis Cottage Area, i.e. only \$252,000, is sufficient to cope with the expenditure in 2006-07; and
- (c) of the projected progress and expenditure in respect of the aforesaid two project items in 2006-07.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- (a) The clearance works under the project "Demolition of So Kon Po Cottage Area" have largely been completed except for the demolition of a large structure. The project "Demolition of Mt. Davis Cottage Area" was completed in 2005-06.
- (b) and (c) The only outstanding expenditure for the project "Demolition of Mt. Davis Cottage Area" is payment of the retention money to the contractor. The commitment balance for the project is sufficient for the payment. Demolition of the large structure under the project "Demolition of So Kon Po Cottage Area" will be commenced in July 2006 and is scheduled for completion by June 2007. The estimated expenditure for this project in 2006-07 is \$800,000.

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