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Islands District Council
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Question on public recreational facilities in Discovery Bay

Ms. Amy YUNG notifies this Council that she will raise the following enquiry at the Islands District Council meeting to be held on 7 September this year:

“ According to Chapter 6 of the Director of Audit’s Report No. 43 (“the Report”) published in October 2004, the former Secretary for City and New Territories Administration in February 1982 approved Master Layout Plan 5.0 and a proposal of the provision of the “replacement public recreational facilities” submitted by the Developer of Discovery Bay (“DB”) in December 1981 for replacing the public golf course that was proposed to be deleted.

Nonetheless, the Report shows that as far as could be ascertained from the records of the Lands Department (“Lands D”), the Audit Commission could not find a list of the specific replacement public recreational facilities, showing the site area and locations, which the Developer of DB should provide.

At the Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environmental Hygiene Committee meeting held on 26 January this year, the District Lands Office, Islands (“DLO/Is”) said that they were prepared to upload on the website the information of 11 public recreational facilities (“PRFs”) in DB. However, at the Islands District Council (“IDC”) meeting held on 22 June this year, the DLO/Is informed that the locations, length and gross site area of 3 of these PRFs (including bicycle lane, hiking trails and beach) would be uploaded onto the website of the Lands D between late June and mid-July the current year and that the information about the provision of public facilities within private developments would be updated every 6 months.

As such, I request the DLO/Is to send a representative to attend the meeting and explain the following:

1. The Report was published as early as October 2004. Why did the Lands D and the DLO/Is only upload the information about 3 PRFs (including the central park toilet, bicycle lane and hiking trails) of DB onto the website of the Lands D between late June and mid-July this year?

2. The website of the Lands D stated that the information on the provision of the other 8 PRFs, i.e. beach, central park, multi-purpose hall, recreation deck, seafront plaza, south promenade, north promenade and piazza, is still under consideration and pending verification by the DLO/Is. It is unacceptable that DLO/Is is still unable to provide information about all the PRFs of DB after the Report has been published for 11 years. Could the DLO/Is explain why there was a delay in handling the information about these PRFs?
3. Many residents in DB opined that there was a lack of connectivity of the existing hiking trails. Could the DLO/Is explain about the lack of connectivity and under what standard these hiking trails were built?
4. Which party will be responsible for the repair of the existing bicycle lane?
5. According to paragraph 81 (d) of the draft minutes of IDC meeting on 22 June this year, the Lands D would upload onto its website the information about the 3 PRFs of DB, i.e. bicycle lane, hiking trails and beach between late June and mid-July, but information about the bicycle lane, hiking trails and the central park toilet was eventually uploaded. Please explain why the record of the draft minutes of the meeting was inconsistent with the information about the PRFs of DB found on the website. ”

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