

P.A.C. Report No. 67 – Part 4 (Extract)

Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Reports of the Director of Audit on the Accounts of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the year ended 31 March 2015 and the Results of Value for Money Audits (Report No. 65) [P.A.C. Report No. 65]

Provision of long-term care services for the elderly

(Paragraphs 19 and 20 of Part 4 of P.A.C. Report No. 65)

24. The subject had been referred to LegCo Panel on Welfare Services for follow up on 24 February 2016, and the Panel noted the referral in its meeting on 14 March 2016. The Committee recommends that the issue be continued to be followed up by LegCo Panel on Welfare Services.

25. The Committee wishes to be kept informed of further development on the subject.

New Civil Aviation Department Headquarters

(Paragraphs 23 to 25 of Part 4 of P.A.C. Report No. 65)

26. Hon Steven HO declared that he was a non-executive director of the Airport Authority Hong Kong.

27. The Committee was informed that the Transport and Housing Bureau ("THB") had completed the investigation on the implementation of the new Civil Aviation Department ("CAD") Headquarters project. According to the investigation outcome, there was evidence indicating acts of misconduct by a senior directorate officer of CAD. Pursuant to the evidence gathered from the investigation and in accordance with established civil service procedures, THB had taken summary disciplinary action against the officer concerned. In addition, the investigation revealed prima facie evidence indicating alleged acts of misconduct by a retired directorate officer of CAD. As this officer had already retired, the civil service disciplinary mechanism was not applicable. However, THB had issued a letter to the retired officer concerned and also put the letter on the personnel file, clearly expressing THB's stance on the acts of misconduct alleged against the officer. The letter from **Secretary for Transport and Housing** to the Committee is in *Appendix 9*.

Administration of the air traffic control and related services

(Paragraphs 3 to 5 of Part 5 of P.A.C. Report No. 65)

28. Hon Steven HO declared that he was a non-executive director of the Airport Authority Hong Kong.

APPENDIX 9

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3 February 2017

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Clerk to the Public Accounts Committee
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1 Legislative Council Road
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Dear Mr CHU,

**Follow-up to Part 4 of the
Public Accounts Committee Report No. 65, Para. 23-25
New Civil Aviation Department Headquarters**

Further to my letter dated 22 January 2016 and the subsequent updates to the Government Minute issued on 25 May 2016 and to the Annual Progress Report to the Public Accounts Committee issued on 1 November 2016 on the progress of the investigation undertaken by the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) on the new Civil Aviation Department Headquarters project, I write to provide an update on the investigation which has been completed.

THB's investigation was conducted in strict compliance with the established civil service procedures. The investigation team had examined internal project documents and external communication records at different project stages; the examination was to ensure a fair and comprehensive review from different perspectives, and to establish the facts and identify the causes of the non-compliance incidents as well as the officers who should be held accountable. In the course of THB's

investigation, a law enforcement agency had undertaken a criminal investigation into the matter. At the request of the agency, THB had put its investigation work on hold until the completion of the agency's investigation. The result of THB's investigation is set out at Annex.

With best wishes for the Year of the Rooster!

Yours sincerely,



(Ms Joyce CHAN)
for Secretary for Transport and Housing

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c.c. Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
Director of Audit
Director-General of Civil Aviation

Annex

**New Civil Aviation Department Headquarters
Updated Progress of Implementing Audit's and PAC's Recommendations**

Para. No.	Audit's/PAC's Recommendations	Progress to date
Part 4 of the PAC Report No. 65, Para. 23-25	The Committee wishes to be informed of further development on the investigation by the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) on the implementation of the new Civil Aviation Department (CAD) Headquarters project.	THB has completed the investigation. According to the investigation outcome, there is evidence indicating acts of misconduct by a senior directorate officer of CAD. Pursuant to the evidence gathered from the investigation and in accordance with established civil service procedures, THB has taken summary disciplinary action against the officer concerned. In addition, the investigation revealed prima facie evidence indicating alleged acts of misconduct by a retired directorate officer of CAD. As this officer has already retired, the civil service disciplinary mechanism is not applicable. However, THB has issued a letter to the retired officer concerned and also put the letter on the personnel file, clearly expressing THB's stance on the acts of misconduct alleged against the officer. As the follow-up action to PAC's recommendation has been completed, we recommend deleting this item from the next progress report.