

**Timetable for the Home Affairs Bureau to Take Forward  
the Audit Recommendations**

<b>Paragraph</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Timetable for taking forward the recommendations/ other responses</b>
5.8(a)	work out a timetable for the policy review, so that new policy directions on Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) would be in place before the expiration of a number of PRLs (see paras. 2.30 and 5.6)	A comprehensive policy review is now underway. Preliminary findings are expected by the end of 2014.
5.8(b)	take into account the needs and demands of different stakeholders (namely, the interests of the private sports clubs on PRLs and their members, and the wider public interest) and strike a proper balance between different objectives (see paras. 3.32 and 5.5 to 5.7)	
5.8(c)	set out key principles to be adopted for the renewal of existing PRLs and the granting of new PRLs in future, with a view that public interest will be better served (see para. 5.7)	
5.8(d)	conduct a similar review of the 37 PRLs granted to NGOs and other organisations in paragraph 1.3(b) to (e) to ascertain if the Administration is facing similar problems and challenges ahead with these PRLs (see paras. 1.19 and 5.6)	
5.9(a)	examine individual PRLs on a case-by-case basis and consider how they should be revised/refined in the light of changes in circumstances, taking into account the key	

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	principles set in the forthcoming policy review on PRLs (see paras. 2.9(a), 2.12 and 2.29)	additional conditions on a case-by-case basis.
5.9(b)	set up an effective mechanism to monitor the use of PRL sites, including the requirement to approve the developments on the PRL sites and the conduct of regular site inspections under the enforcement regimes of the HAB/Lands D (see paras. 2.11 and 4.7 to 4.10)	Part of the comprehensive policy review is to strengthen the monitoring mechanism. Preliminary findings of the review are expected by the end of 2014.
5.9(c)	draw up planning standards to help assess how PRL sites should in future be reasonably apportioned among sports and non-sports facilities to meet the purpose of the PRLs (see para. 2.12)	Part of the comprehensive policy review is to draw up a set of assessment guidelines to ensure reasonable apportionment of PRL sites. Preliminary findings of the review are expected by the end of 2014.
5.9(d)	keep the clubs' membership and their use of the PRL sites under regular review (see para. 2.17)	The comprehensive policy review will take stock of the experience gained from over a year of implementing the "opening-up" schemes, and explore options for regular reviews of such schemes. Preliminary findings of the review are expected by the end of 2014.
5.9(e)	step up controls to ensure that in future, commitments made to ExCo relating to PRL policy are properly followed through for implementation (see para. 2.17)	The Administration has been handling matters related to the PRLs in accordance with ExCo's policy decisions. We will brief ExCo on the findings of the latest policy review upon completion of the report, and implement new policies and measures under the policy guidance of ExCo.

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5.9(f)	in future cases of sufficient importance, seek the advice of ExCo before granting the PRL (see para. 2.24)	The HAB will work closely with the Lands D and will seek the advice of ExCo where there are sufficient justifications to do so.
5.9(g)	keep the approved “opening-up” schemes for individual private sports clubs under regular review and monitor the scheme usage by Outside Bodies (see para. 3.21)	The comprehensive policy review will take stock of the experience gained from implementing the “opening-up” schemes, and explore options for regular reviews of such schemes. Preliminary findings of the review are expected by the end of 2014.
5.9(h)	closely monitor how the club mentioned in paragraph 3.22 (i.e. the club in Example 3) would implement its proposed “opening-up” scheme on the PRL before approval is granted	We will examine how the club would implement its “opening-up” scheme before granting approval.
5.9(i)	issue detailed guidelines to help private sports clubs report the scheme usage in their quarterly reports submitted to the HAB (see para. 3.24)	We will take stock of the experience gained requiring private sports clubs to submit quarterly reports. We expect to issue new guidelines in mid-2014 to assist clubs to make more detailed and accurate reports.
5.9(j)	set up a proper mechanism to verify the reported usage of the clubs’ sports facilities by Outside Bodies (see para. 3.24)	We will take stock of the experience gained from requiring private sports clubs to submit quarterly reports. We will step up the verification of quarterly reports upon the release of new guidelines in mid-2014.
5.9(k)	continue stepping up publicity on the clubs’ facilities available for use by Outside Bodies and coordinating with the Education Bureau to encourage schools in the vicinity of the clubs to make more use of the clubs’ facilities	We will in 2014 coordinate with the Education Bureau to encourage schools to make more use of clubs’ facilities. We will follow up with individual lessees in cases of low utilization by Outside Bodies to improve usage

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	(see paras. 3.26 and 3.29)	by, for example, adjusting publicity strategies.
5.9(l)	take note of the obstacles ahead which might discourage Outside Bodies from using the clubs' facilities and take steps to overcome them as far as possible (see para. 3.33)	We will place advertisements on print media in the first quarter of 2014.
5.9(m)	follow up the irregularities/suspected non-compliances with Conditions of Grant reported in Examples 9 to 15 (see paras. 4.11 to 4.13)	The Lands D is following up on the cases raised by the Audit Commission, and will seek HAB's advice as necessary.
5.9(n)	conduct checks on the suspected commercial/subletting cases identified in Example 12 in paragraph 4.13, with scope expanded where appropriate, to other private sports clubs holding PRLs, and determine the full extent and propriety of such practices	
5.9(o)	critically review the existing PRLs and improve the Conditions of Grant in the long term, taking into account the useful Special Conditions identified in some of the existing PRLs which may help effective implementation of the Government's policy on PRLs (see paras. 4.14 and 4.15)	Upon expiry of existing PRLs, the Lands D will take advice from the HAB, and consider whether the PRLs should be renewed with additional conditions on a case-by-case basis.
5.9(p)	work collaboratively with the Secretary for Development and Heads of other relevant government departments to assess whether any of the PRLs due for renewal should be renewed (see para. 5.4(a))	The comprehensive policy review will assess the status of PRLs due for renewal. Preliminary findings of the review are expected by the end of 2014.

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5.9(q)	review whether the current practice of only assessing alterations that have been made to the Memorandum and Articles of Association (M&As) since the last renewals is sufficient to ensure that all clubs on PRL sites have duly met the non-discriminatory membership policy requirement (see para. 5.4(b))	When considering applications for PRL renewal, we will examine the existing M&As of the clubs to ensure that clubs on PRL sites have met the non-discriminatory membership policy requirement.
5.9(r)	monitor the progress of the renewals for the 16 expired PRLs mentioned in paragraph 5.4(c), including those clubs which had submitted timetables for rectifying breaches on PRLs in paragraphs 4.11 and 4.12	As of 30 November 2013, three of the 16 expired PRLs mentioned in paragraph 5.4(c) have been renewed, including the one mentioned in paragraphs 4.11 and 4.12. The club concerned was granted renewal of its PRL after the breaches were rectified. Our aim is for the remaining 13 PRLs to be renewed in 2014.
5.9(s)	resolve the issue that part of the PRL site has overlapped with the Country Park in Example 16 (see para. 5.4(d))	The club was first granted the PRL in 1961. The current boundary of the Country Park was gazetted in 1979. According to the Hong Kong Police Force, revision of the lot boundary is inappropriate taking into account the latest licensing safety requirements.
5.9(t)	review the current status of the PRL mentioned in paragraph 5.4(e) which had expired since 1996, but was still under “hold-over” arrangement on quarterly basis, and critically consider whether the existing “hold-over” arrangement should continue	As the lot concerned is planned for development, the lessee can only renew the lease, which expired on 25 December 1996, on a quarterly basis. The Administration has the right to terminate the lease with three months' prior notice. We understand that the relevant government departments will decide on when to resume the lot for other public purposes in accordance with established mechanism.