

SDEV speaks to the media

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Development, Mr Michael Wong, at a media session at the Legislative Council today (June 26):

Reporter:considerations for regulatory action and whether there is any chance for the public to find out or to hear a little bit about the content of the report?

Secretary for Development: We received Leighton Asia's (Leighton Contractors (Asia) Limited) report earlier this afternoon. The report will be examined by experts in the Development Bureau. Going forward, we will follow strictly the procedures prescribed in the management handbook for contractors of public works. If we require further information, we will contact the relevant contractor. If we believe that the information we have is enough so that we can come up with a proposed action, according to the handbook, we will inform the relevant contractor of our proposed regulatory action and give them reasonable opportunity to respond. That is the principle of natural justice. So, that is the procedure we will follow. And we will do it fairly and basically will not favour or prejudice any individual contractor.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)