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Question (Member Question No. 33):

Given the failed tenders of the property development projects of the MTR Corporation Limited in recent years, what measures will be taken by the Lands Department in 2014-15 to enhance the monitoring of the tenders of these projects, and will additional resources and manpower be involved? If yes, what are the details? Apart from monitoring, what specific measures will the Government take to prevent similar failed tenders in the future?

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Reply:

The tender exercises for the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL)'s own property development projects are managed and conducted by MTRCL but not by the Lands Department (Lands D). MTRCL's tenders may contain terms and conditions other than those prescribed by the Government for the land grant. We note that there can be many reasons affecting the market response such as the bidders' development strategy, outlook for the property market, commercial considerations, etc. Lands D will continue to use its existing resources to closely liaise with MTRCL on the timely delivery of the latter's property development projects and ensure that the terms and conditions of the land grants will be available timely to MTRCL to facilitate its tendering of the projects.