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Question (Member Question No. 69):

The Secretary for Development has recently criticised the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) for failing to tender out any project in the past three years and hence affecting the supply of residential properties in Hong Kong. As the Lands Department indicates that it will monitor the tenders of property development projects of the Urban Renewal Authority and the MTRCL in 2014-15, could this Committee be informed of the ways to effectively monitor and facilitate the tendering of these projects and the estimated expenditure to be involved?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply:

In general, the tender exercises for the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL)'s property development projects and those for the Urban Renewal Authority (URA)'s property development projects are managed and conducted by MTRCL and URA respectively, but not by the Lands Department (Lands D). The tenders of MTRCL and URA contain terms and conditions other than those prescribed by the Government for the land grant of the site concerned. Lands D will continue to liaise with MTRCL and URA on the timely delivery of their property development projects and ensure that the terms and conditions of the land grants will be available to MTRCL and URA in a timely manner to facilitate their tendering of the projects.