

**For discussion
on 17 December 2012**

**BOARD PAPER
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**MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE
ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

**ASSESSMENT OF 1 444 HISTORIC BUILDINGS
FINALISATION OF THE GRADINGS
OF BUILDINGS AND
RESULTS OF ASSESSMENT OF NEW ITEMS**

PURPOSE

This paper invites Members to consider endorsing the gradings of buildings as detailed in paragraphs 4 to 6 below.

BACKGROUND

2. Up to present, Members have endorsed the gradings of 929 historic buildings of the 1 444 including -

- (a) 160 Grade 1 buildings;
- (b) 324 Grade 2 buildings; and
- (c) 445 Grade 3 buildings.

Members have also confirmed that 282 buildings do not warrant a grading.

3. In addition, Members confirmed that 8 historic buildings of the new items should be accorded with gradings listed below –

- (a) 2 Grade 1 buildings;
- (b) 2 Grade 2 buildings; and
- (c) 4 Grade 3 buildings.

Members have confirmed after consideration that 2 new items do not warrant a grading.

MORE ITEMS ON THE 1 444 LIST FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Members are invited to consider the proposed gradings of 2 historic buildings (**Annex A**) for which the owners' previous queries have already been reviewed / addressed.

NEW ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5. AMO has further completed the research and assessment of the heritage value and grading recommendation of 1 new item (at **Annex B**). Following the usual practice, subject to Members' views on the recommendations on the grading of this new item as set out in Annex B, AMO will upload the information and the proposed grading of this new item to the websites of AMO and AAB for a one-month public consultation. We will report to Members any information or views received for further consideration by AAB before finalising the grading of this new item.

Post 1950 Former Central Government Offices (CGO)

6. At the meeting of 14 June 2012, Members accorded the site and three buildings of the Post 1950 Former Central Government Offices with proposed gradings (**Annex C**). Following the usual practice, AAB conducted a public consultation on the proposed gradings of the Former CGO. The deadline of the public consultation was originally 20 July 2012 but was subsequently extended to 31 August 2012 in light of the request for more time to express views on the proposed gradings of the Former CGO. By the end of the public consultation on 31 August 2012, a total of 288 written and 5 verbal submissions were received. The Government Hill Concern Group delivered 4 550 signatures supporting the preservation of the Government Hill and the declaration of all buildings at Former CGO as monuments. In addition, another 7 written submissions were received up to 30 November 2012 and have also been counted in this exercise. All public submissions have been submitted to Members for consideration.

7. Having sought consent from the respondents for releasing their submissions for public viewing, arrangement has been made to upload their submissions to the websites of AAB and AMO. A total of 18 submissions were

not uploaded to the websites because no consent could be obtained from those without contact information. A summary of these submissions is set out as below:

	Suggest Grade 2 or below	Suggest Grade 1	Suggest Declaring it as Monument	Others
Verbal	0	0	0	5
Written	2	256	154	33
Signatures	0	0	4 550	0
Total	2	256	4 704	38

ADVICE SOUGHT

8. Members are invited to consider endorsing the proposed gradings of those items mentioned in paragraphs 4 and 6 above and the preliminary recommendation on the proposed grading of the new item mentioned in paragraph 5 above.

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