## **Indicators for Specified Tasks under DEVB in 2024 Policy Address**

## (I) New Indicators

## The Northern Metropolis

- 44. Take forward the development of the Northern Metropolis:
  - Invite expression of interest on pilot sites identified for "large-scale land disposal" by end-2024; and
  - Announce specific suggestions in Q1 2025 on the formation of a company by the Government for operating a pilot industry park in a NDA. (DEVB)

# **Deepen GBA Collaboration**

- 45. Strengthen collaboration with the GBA:
  - Regularise the Professional Title assessment mechanism, and expand its coverage to other suitable construction-related professions by mid-2025; and (DEVB)
  - Announce the GBA standards and take forward the "One Examination, Multiple Certification" arrangement for the first pilot trade by Q1 2025. (DEVB)

# **Building Design and Building Management**

52. Implement **from 2025 onwards** elderly-friendly building design requirements by phases through legislative amendments, guidelines and practice notes. (DEVB)

### Land

53. Complete the statutory EIA procedures for the reclamation works under the Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands project within 2025. (DEVB)

- 54. Expedite urban redevelopment:
  - Upon completion of technical assessments, the URA to submit to the Government renewal master plans for Tsuen Wan and Sham Shui Po in the second half of 2025; and
  - Formulate **in the first half of 2025** policy proposals on the use of newly developed land to drive large-scale urban redevelopment projects. (DEVB)
- 55. Implement **from 2025 onwards** improvement measures for lowering construction cost, such as increasing direct procurement of construction materials and products by the Government, reviewing the building design standards, and facilitating local application of cost-effective construction materials and technologies from the Mainland and overseas. (DEVB)
- 56. Launch the MiC Manufacturer Certification Scheme by end-2024, in synergy with production bases in the Mainland, so as to leverage the complementary functions of the construction industries in Guangdong and Hong Kong. (DEVB)

# (II) Ongoing and Valid Indicators for Specified Tasks Introduced in the 2023 Policy Address<sup>1</sup>

#### Land

- 39. Release the development potential of existing land:
  - Put forward the development proposal and model for the ex-Lamma Quarry site by end-2024, and invite expression of interest from the market in Q1 2025;
  - Put forward preliminary restructuring proposals for Tsuen Wan and Sham Shui Po by phases starting from Q4 2024 for further discussion and enhancement, and upon completion of technical assessments, submit renewal master plans in the second half of 2025; and
  - Press ahead with the development of an eco-recreation corridor in South Lantau by inviting the market to submit expression of interest in Q1 2025. (DEVB)
- 40. Promote the development of the construction industry:
  - Provide funding for some 400 enterprises under the Construction Innovation and Technology Fund within 2025 to facilitate their adoption of various innovative technologies in construction projects, with a view to further enhancing productivity and built quality; and
  - The Construction Industry Council to utilise government funding and its own resources to increase the training quota for skilled construction workers from 10 000 places in the 2022/23 academic year to at least about 12 000 places in each of the academic years from 2023/24 to 2027/28. (DEVB)

# 41. Ensure timely land supply:

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• Based on the latest forecast, deliver about **3 000** hectares of newly formed land in the coming 10 years (**2025-26 to 2034-35**), including about **1 700** hectares from the Northern Metropolis and about **300** hectares from the Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands; and

Some of the ongoing and valid indicators introduced in 2023 have been updated or enhanced in light of the latest situation.

• Make land available for the production of around **80 000** private housing units for disposal in the market through land sale or railway property developments in the next five years (**2025-26** to **2029-30**). (DEVB)

## 42. Increase land supply:

- Conduct feasibility studies for rezoning 255 hectares of "Green Belt" (GB) sites identified for housing development in the latest round of GB review, with a view to initiating the rezoning for the second batch of land in **2025-26**, following completion of the rezoning of the first batch in 2024;
- Resume around 1 000 hectares of private land for government projects in five years from 2024-25 to 2028-29 (with the total area being around seven times of the 140 hectares of land resumed in the past five years), and further resume about 300 hectares of land in the ensuing three years; and
- Commence works in Tseung Kwan O Area 137 within 2025, with first resident intake in 2030. (DEVB)

# **Building Safety and Building Management**

43. Propose amendments to the Buildings Ordinance **by end-2024** and introduce an amendment bill into the LegCo in the first half of 2026 after public consultation. (DEVB)

### **District Environment**

- 57. Extend the total length of the promenade on both sides of the Victoria Harbour by no less than 30% from 25 kilometres as at 2022 to 34 kilometres by end-2028; and stage no less than 30 events/activities at harbourfront sites every year. (DEVB)
- 58. Progressively commence works for improving some sections and providing missing links of a 60-kilometre long Round-the-Island Trail from 2023 onwards, with a view to connecting 90% of the trail by end-2027 and substantially completing the remaining larger scale works by end-2031. (DEVB)

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