



香港建築師學會
The Hong Kong Institute of Architects

5 February 2007

By Fax and By Post
Fax No. : 2524 9397

Our Ref. : BLA/HKCP/RC/cw/0207

Mr Jonathan McKinley
Principal Assistant Secretary for
Economic Development & Labour (Economic Development) A3
Economic Development Branch (Division A)
Economic Development and Labour Bureau
2/F Main Wing
Central Government Offices
Lower Albert Road
Hong Kong

Dear Mr Mckinley

Public Consultation on the Way Forward for Hong Kong's Competition Policy

We appreciate the government's issuance of a public discussion document on the way forward for competition policy in Hong Kong so that we can voice our opinion.

While we concur with the importance of free and fair competition to Hong Kong's economy, we have reservation on the "cross-sector" approach. The document seems having not considered the position of professional institutes. The introduction of the proposal would make it impossible for professional institute like the Hong Kong Institute of Architects to issue any directions and requirements in relation to the amount of work that can be done by members for a particular fee. This is particularly true in case of preliminary design competition because works submitted will much depends on resources and the important element of "creative ideas" which architectural practices mostly treasured may not be come into play with equal weight.

We understand that there are exclusions and exemptions for not applying the law to certain sectors and we prefer to have a dialogue with the government of our concern before the proposed policy is taken further.

Yours sincerely

Rita Cheung (Mrs)
Registrar

c.c. K S Wong, Chairman, Board of Local Affairs