

NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Supplementary information on 70KA – Purchase and fitting-out of office accommodation for the Office of The Ombudsman

INTRODUCTION

In considering the paper referenced PWSC(2001-02)51 on the above project on 13 June 2001, the Public Works Subcommittee requested the Administration to seriously consider the option of leasing (vs. purchasing) two car parking spaces and to report after a decision had been made.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

2. The Office of The Ombudsman moved to the purchased accommodation at Shun Tak Centre, Sheung Wan, in September 2002. After conducting a search for carparking spaces for possible purchase, none was available at Shun Tak Centre or in the vicinity. In the circumstances, The Ombudsman has decided not to pursue the purchase option and would rent two spaces instead.

3. The Approved Project Estimate for **70KA** would be reduced from \$150.7 million to \$148.7 million in money-of-the-day prices to reflect the above decision.
