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Clerk to Subcommittee
Legislative Council Secretariat
(Attn: Mrs Constance LI)

Dear Mrs Li,

**Subcommittee to Follow Up the
Outstanding Capital Works Projects
of the Former Provisional Municipal Councils**

At the meeting of the LegCo Subcommittee to Follow Up the Outstanding Capital Works Projects of the Former Provisional Municipal Councils held on 15 November 2001, the Hon. Albert CHAN expressed concern about the provision of a permanent public library at Tin Shui Wai.

I would like to confirm that the provision of a permanent library in Tin Shui Wai has been included in our Five-Year Accelerated Programme. In view of the long lead time required to plan and build this facility and in view of the population growth in Tin Shui Wai, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department has upon the request of the Yuen Long District Council decided to set up a temporary library there in 2001.

The cost in renting the premises for the temporary Tin Shui Wai library is as follows –

Rent :	\$430,000 per month
Management Charges :	\$ 77,364 per month
Air-Conditioning Charges :	\$ 89,706 per month
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Total :	\$597,070 per month

The temporary library in Tin Shui Wai has succeeded in meeting the demand for library services for the time being. As it is, the District Council has recommended that priority be given to providing a permanent library in Yuen Long to meet the increasing demand. It was on this basis, we plan to start work on the Yuen Long library in 2004 and the Tin Shui Wai library in 2005.

In view of the comments made at the last LegCo Sub-Committee meeting, we are exploring with the Director of Architectural Services the feasibility of shortening the lead time for these projects.

Yours sincerely,

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