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(Attn.: Miss Becky Yu)

Dear Miss Yu,

**LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs
Meeting on 19 March 2001**

In the course of discussing the “Tolo Harbour sewerage of unsewered areas” stage 1 phases 1D and 2B project on 19 March 2001, Members of the LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs requested for the following information –

- (a) the Administration’s plans for providing sewage services to unsewered area in the Tolo Harbour catchment; and
- (b) a time-table for and the location of the unsewered areas covered under stage 2 of the “Tolo Harbour sewerage of unsewered areas” project upon completion of the relevant review.

Our responses to Members’ requests are as follows –

- (a) The “Tolo Harbour sewerage of unsewered areas” project is divided into two phases. Stage 1 covers unsewered areas which produce large volumes of pollutants while stage 2 covers areas which generate relatively low volumes of pollutants. The implementation plan of stage 1 is set out in Annex A of the paper (paper no. CB(1)801/00-01(03)) we issued to Members previously.

The Environmental Protection Department is currently

undertaking a Review of the North District and Tolo Harbour Sewerage Master Plans (the Review). Taking into account the latest developments of unsewered areas within the catchment, the Review will update the scope and implementation programme of the Tolo Harbour sewerage of unsewered areas stage 2 project with a view to providing sewage services to these areas; and

- (b) We commenced the Review in June 2000 for substantial completion by late 2001. Upon completion of the Review, the timetable, coverage of unsewered areas and associated cost for the updated stage 2 project will be provided to Members.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for the Environment and Food

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