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Dear Miss Yeung,

**Meeting of the Establishment Subcommittee on
21 November 2001 – Item EC(2001-02)23**

At the meeting of the Establishment Subcommittee on 21 November 2001 when the retention of the supernumerary post of Chief Engineer/West Rail in the Highways Department was discussed (ESC Paper No. EC(2001-02)23), the Honourable Henry Wu asked for information on the staff cost of the non-directorate staff in the West Rail Division headed by the Chief Engineer/West Rail.

At present, the Chief Engineer/West Rail is supported by four Senior Engineers and eight Engineers/Assistant Engineers in the West Rail Division. The total notional annual salary cost at mid-point of these non-directorate staff is \$7,922,880 and their total full annual average staff cost, including salaries and staff on-costs is \$14,096,000. We have included sufficient provision to meet the cost of these staff.

I should be grateful if you would forward the above information to Members for reference.

Yours sincerely,

(William Shiu)
for Secretary for Transport

c.c. Secretary for the Treasury (Attn: Mr Manfred Wong)
Director of Highways (Attn: Miss Swank Wong)