

For information

**Legislative Council Panel
on Planning, Lands and Works**

**Supplementary Note on the
Tung Chung Cable Car Project**

INTRODUCTION

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Planning, Lands and Works held on 1 March 2002, Member considered the paper on the Aerial Ropeways (Amendment) Bill 2002. In response to the question raised by a Member, the Administration undertook to provide further information on the progress of the Tung Chung Cable Car Project (the Project).

THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

2. We received three proposals for the implementation of the Project in July 2001, and started the assessment process immediately. The process has taken slightly longer than expected due to the emergence of a number of unexpected issues. These issues have now been resolved and we have commenced negotiations with the short-listed proponents. Our plan is to identify a successful proponent to take up the Project as soon as possible.

3. We note Members' interest in seeking a firm commitment to a certain target date. Since we are in the process of negotiations, it would not be appropriate to set a deadline for this. While it has always been our target to see the Cable Car System in operation by early 2006, we have actually worked with relevant bureaux and departments to identify measures to expedite the implementation programme for the Project, not just to catch up the lost time due to the unexpected issues, but also to achieve a completion date which is even earlier than our original target of early 2006. A firmer programme will need to be discussed and agreed with the selected proponent. This will be available upon conclusion of the negotiations.

4. We have conveyed to the short-listed proponents during the negotiations our keen intention to accelerate the implementation programme. Their response has been positive so far.

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