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Legislative Council,
Legislative Council Building,
8 Jackson Road, Hong Kong.
(Attn.: Miss Salumi Chan)

Dear Miss Chan,

**LegCo Panel on Planning, Lands and Works
Meeting on 8 November 2002**

I refer to your letter dated 4 November 2002.

It is not the current practice of the Administration to publish the list of capital works projects which have been accorded Category B status for internal funding allocation purpose since these projects are at various stages of planning and are subject to changes in terms of scope, programming and cost. In line with usual practice, however, the Administration would brief and consult the Legislative Council and relevant Panels as necessary on individual project items at the appropriate juncture. The Administration will also provide details on individual project items that are forecast to require expenditure in the coming financial year, including those in Category B, in the context of the Capital Works Reserve Fund draft estimates.

Review of project priorities having regard to justification, economic efficiency, technical feasibility, government's affordability, etc is a routine internal exercise for the Government. The review is distinct from, and will not affect, the implementation of projects already approved by Finance Committee or approved under delegated authority.

Yours sincerely,

(Peter C K Mak)
for Secretary for the Environment,
Transport and Works

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