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Dear Mr Lau,

**LegCo Panel on Transport
Subcommittee on matters relating to railways
Meeting on 25 February 2003**

Supplementary Information on MTR Tseung Kwan O Line

In discussing the paper "Performance of the new MTR trains from Korea" (LC Paper No. CB(1)855/02-03(03)) at the Subcommittee's meeting on 25 February 2003, the Hon Lau Kong-wah requested the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) to provide information in respect of complaints received on noise disturbance inside MTR Tseung Kwan O Line (TKL) train compartments. I would like to provide the relevant information we obtained from the Corporation, as follows :

In the first few months of TKL operations, MTRCL received eight complaints about noise disturbance inside train compartments on the line. Specifically, they were about the high pitch generated by rail and wheel

interface between Hang Hau and Yau Tong stations, and between Yau Tong and Quarry Bay stations.

MTRCL has carried out rail grindings to modify the profile of the new rail and fine tuned the running profile of its trains operations. As such, the noise level on TKL has been brought to similar levels as those on other lines. According to the Corporation, the improvements have been recognized by passengers and no further complaints have been received recently. MTRCL will continue to keep close monitoring on the railway operations with a view to providing a comfortable travelling environment for its passengers.

I should be grateful if you would convey the information to the Hon Lau Kong-wah and other Subcommittee members concerned.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for the Environment,
Transport and Works