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Dear

Panel on Transport
Special Meeting on 5 December 2003

At the captioned Panel meeting, we undertook to examine the feasibility of installing an external speed display device on public light buses. We also undertook to provide further information on the installation cost of the Speed Enforcement Camera System. Information on the two issues are set out below.

External Speed Display Device (ESDD)

An ESDD is a light indication unit installed on the external foretop of the driving cabin of a vehicle. The light will be on if the vehicle travels in excess of a preset speed. While such a device may indicate broadly whether a vehicle has exceeded the preset speed or not, it has the following constraints :

- (a) the ESDD is not able to show the exact travelling speed of the vehicle, and further proof by more accurate and reliable speed detection equipment would still be required for prosecution actions. In other words, it does not help to simplify the evidential requirements or the law enforcement procedures; and
- (b) while the ESDD can only have one preset speed limit, there are different speed limits along different road sections in Hong Kong.

In view of these limitations, we consider that the use of ESDDs may not bring about substantial benefits. We therefore do not intend to require public light buses to install ESDDs. In fact, we are aware that some overseas countries, which had experimented the use of ESDDs, have also discarded this device for the same reason.

Speed Enforcement Cameras (SECs)

The installation fees charged by Hongkong Electric Co (HEC) Ltd for the supply of electricity to the SECs on Hong Kong Island are at the Annex. The time taken by HEC and the contractor to agree on the installation fees had been longer than expected because the distance between some SEC locations and the nearest source of power were relatively long. The contractor and HEC thus had to work out the detailed arrangements which in turn would affect the installation costs. By February 2004, the cost issue has been settled and all the SEC-related installation works on Hong Kong Island and along Tuen Mun Road have already been completed.

Yours faithfully,

(Mrs Sharon Yip)
for Secretary for the Environment,
Transport and Works

**Installation Fees Charged by Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd.
for the SEC Locations on Hong Kong Island**

Location	Installation Fee (\$)
Island Eastern Corridor (near Hoi Yu Street)	49,201
Island Eastern Corridor (near the entrance of Eastern Harbour Crossing)	9,620
Island Eastern Corridor (near Tung Hei Road)	5,313
Island Eastern Corridor (near A Kung Ngam)	Not applicable (Note)
Aberdeen Praya Road (near Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market)	91,818
Aberdeen Praya Road (adjacent to Aberdeen Centre)	32,746
Pok Fu Lam Road (adjacent to Yu Chun Keung Memorial College)	32,746
Gloucester Road (adjacent to the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts)	14,121

Note: The contractor resorted to laying cables from a nearby SEC site by himself. Works of HEC was not required.