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Tate's Cairn Tunnel Ordinance (Replacement
of Schedule) Notice 2005 and Tai Lam Tunnel
and Yuen Long Approach Road Ordinance
(Replacement of Schedule 1) Notice 2005
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Dear Chairman,

**Subcommittee to Study
Tate's Cairn Tunnel (TCT) Ordinance
(Replacement of Schedule) Notice 2005
and
Tai Lam Tunnel and Yuen Long Approach Road Ordinance
(Replacement of Schedule 1) Notice 2005**

I refer to your letter of 4 July 2005. As per our brief discussion at the LegCo Antechamber this morning, the last issue raised in your letter concerning the undertakings given by the Administration on 24 May 1995 when the Tai Lam Tunnel and Yuen Long Approach Road Bill resumed the Second Reading debate involves a number of very complicated legal questions. As

such, we need more time to study the matter before we can revert to you. I am grateful that you have agreed to give us more time in this connection and I shall endeavour to give a substantive reply to your above letter by mid August.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary for the Environment,
Transport and Works