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To: Secretary General

Legislative Council Secretariat, Legislative Council Building, 8 Jackson Road, Central,

Hong Kong. (Attn.: Ms. Szeto)

Dear Ms. Szeto,

## LegCo Panel On Housing Meeting on 3 April 2006 Matters Arising

At the Panel on Housing Meeting on 3 April 2006 to discuss the construction works of the District Open Space adjoining Kwai Chung Estate, LegCo Members proposed the Government to consider providing cover to the public staircase opposite to Tai Wo Hau Road. I would like to reply as follows:

The proposed cover to the public staircase connecting Tai Wo Hau Road and Wo Tong Tsui Street (location plan as attached) was raised by LegCo Members in the LegCo Case Conference on 7 October 2005. Since the staircase is outside the boundary of the Kwai Chung District Open Space, we referred the proposal to the concerned government departments for consideration. We understand that the Transport Department had conducted a site visit with resident representatives on 18 November 2005, explaining to them that since the utilization rate of the staircase was low and it is not directly connecting to the Kwai Hing MTR station and major transport interchange, it would not be appropriate to provide cover to the staircase.

Yours sincerely,

(Ms. Ada Y. S. FUNG) for Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

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