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Shenzhen Bay Port Hong Kong Port Area Bill  
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Dear Mrs. Tong,

**Bills Committee on Shenzhen Bay Port Hong Kong Port Area Bill Meeting  
on 7 March 2007**

At the above meeting, one of the Members of the Bills Committee requested the Administration to consider allowing the erection of advertisement panels on the Shenzhen Bay Bridge. Our response is set out below.

We have no plan at this stage to erect advertisement panels on the Shenzhen Bay Bridge. If there is such a need in future, consideration will be given to the following factors when making a decision –

- (1) whether the proposal is technically feasible. For instance, whether the structural design of the bridge can accommodate the extra loading caused by the advertisement panels and whether the aerodynamic stability of the bridge structure can be maintained;
- (2) whether the advertisement panels will have adverse impact on the maintenance work of the bridge;

- (3) whether the advertisement panels will have any impact on the appearance of the bridge; and
- (4) the speed limit of the Shenzhen Bay Bridge will be 100 km/h. We need to consider whether the advertisement panels will distract drivers' attention, thus affecting road safety.

Grateful if you could convey the above for Members' information.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for the Environment,  
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