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Transport Department

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Clerk,
Public Accounts Committee
(Attn: Ms Dora WAI)

Dear Ms Wai,

**The Director of Audit's Report on the
Results of value for money audits (Report No. 46)
Chapter 1 - Collection of fines imposed by Magistrates' Courts**

I refer to your letter of 27 October 2006 and would like to report progress of implementation of a new arrangement in respect of the audit recommendation made to the Commissioner for Transport on the above subject.

Paragraph 6.13(a) of Audit Report

Commissioner for Transport should, in consultation with the Judiciary Administrator, introduce measures to ensure that defaulters cannot use dishonoured cheques to circumvent the control measures that bar them from using the Transport Department's licensing and vehicle registration services.

Latest Progress

As previously reported on 29 September 2006, the Commissioner for Transport has reviewed the workflow in handling applications from persons who use cheques to settle outstanding traffic fines and then obtain licensing and vehicle registration services from the Transport Department (TD).

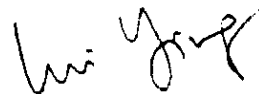
A new arrangement was implemented on 27 November 2006. Licensing applications from applicants who choose to settle their traffic fines by

cheques will be processed after 7 working days in order to allow sufficient lead time for clearance of cheque payments.

The new arrangement was made known to the public through issue of press release and posting of notice at TD's licensing offices and the Account Offices of Magistrates' Courts. This arrangement has been working well and is generally accepted by the public.

Should you need further information, we shall be happy to assist.

Yours sincerely,



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for Commissioner for Transport

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