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21 November 2007

Clerk to Public Works Subcommittee
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road, Central
Hong Kong

(Attn: Ms Rosalind Ma)

Dear Ms Ma,

**Public Works Subcommittee
Meeting on 22 November 2007**

**PWSC(2007-08)52 - 92CD – “Yuen Long, Kam Tin, Ngau Tam Mei and Tin Shui Wai
drainage improvements, stage 1, phase 2B – remaining works”**

Supplementary Information on Estimated Land Clearance Cost

I refer to your letter ref. CB1/F/2 dated 20 November 2007 to Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, requesting for additional information regarding the details of the costs of “compensation for crops” and “interest payment on various ex-gratia compensations for private land and contingency” for the captioned project, I would like to provide Members with the supplementary information as depicted in the Annex.



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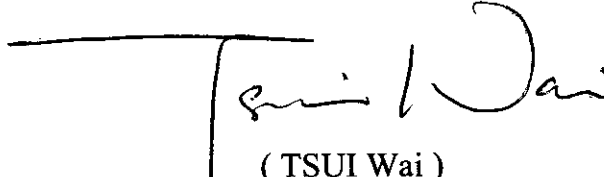
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Yours sincerely,


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**Supplementary Information on the Estimated Cost of Land Clearance
Involved in 92CD**

	\$ million
(I) Compensation for crops	9.846
(a) Disturbance allowance ^(Note 1) for cultivated land 30 400 m ² x \$53.50 per m ²	1.626
(b) Crops compensation for cultivated land 30 400 m ² x \$269.42 per m ² ^(Note 2)	8.191
(c) Fishponds 820 m ² x \$35.24 per m ²	0.029
 (II) Interest payment on various ex-gratia compensations for private land and contingency	 7.271
(a) Interest payment on land compensation \$54.614M x 2.25% x 1/2 year ^(Note 3)	0.614
(b) Contingency on land resumption and clearance cost ^(Note 4) (10% of the estimated resumption and clearance cost and interest payment) 10% x \$66.580M	6.658

Notes

1. Disturbance allowance may be payable to eligible cultivators as to assist them to re-establish elsewhere.
2. As the rate of ex-gratia compensation for loss of crops will be different for different types of crops, the rate (i.e. \$269.42 per m²) adopted here is an average based on previous experience for similar land to be cleared.
3. Six months is allowed as the average interest period.
4. As the actual amount of land compensation to be paid will be based on the prevailing rates at the date of land resumption, a 10% is allowed in the estimates.