

政府總部
運輸及房屋局

運輸科
香港花園道美利大廈



Transport and
Housing Bureau
Government Secretariat

Transport Branch
Murray Building, Garden Road,
Hong Kong

Tel No: (852) 2189 7715

Fax No: (852) 2537 3231

本局檔號 Our Ref.

來函檔號 Your Ref.

27 October 2009

Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Room 601, Citibank Tower
3 Garden Road
Central
Hong Kong

Dear Mr Tong,

**LegCo Panel on Commerce and Industry
Meeting held on 20 October 2009**

I refer to your request raised at the above meeting for the progress of the development of commercial helicopter services in Hong Kong.

The Government has all along taken measures to facilitate helicopter operations in Hong Kong, such as making available a site in West Kowloon for use as a temporary helipad in 2003, offering a site in Sheung Wan for the provision of a permanent domestic helipad, allowing commercial helicopter operators to share with the Government Flying Service the use of the Wan Chai Temporary Helipad in July 2009, and agreeing to allow commercial helicopter operators to share the use of the planned Government helipad near the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The Government plans to commence the proposed construction works for the Government helipad in late 2009/early 2010 for completion in two years' time.

Separately, the existing cross boundary heliport at the rooftop of the Macao Ferry Terminal has recently been expanded with a capacity of accommodating 55,000 movements a year. We have also reserved a site in the Kai Tak Development Area for use as a second cross-boundary heliport in the future. The future Kai Tak Heliport is expected to be able to accommodate about 38,000 movements a year. These projects will provide sufficient capacity to meet the forecast demand up to at least 2020.

The earliest time for the heliport site in the Kai Tak Development Area to be available for development will be August 2014, having regard to the works programme for the development of a cruise terminal at Kai Tak, the first berth of which is expected to be available in 2013.

Yours sincerely,



(Esmond Lee)
for Secretary for Transport and Housing