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Clerk to Panel on Environmental Affair 3rd Floor, Citibank Tower 3 Garden Road Hong Kong (Attn: Miss Becky YU)

Dear Miss YU,

Panel on Environmental Affairs Follow-up to Meeting on 25 October 2010

Policy initiatives of the Environment Bureau in the Chief Executive's 2010-2011 Policy Address

At the meeting of the Panel on Environmental Affairs (EA Panel) on 25 October 2010 to discuss the Policy initiatives of the Environment Bureau in the Chief Executive's 2010-2011 Policy Address, the EA Panel Members requested the Administration to provide information on village sewerage projects which have been completed in the last three years. We would like to provide the Administration's response as follows.

Village sewerage projects completed in the last three years

Sewerage projects with village sewerage components which have been completed in the last three years (between January 2007 to September 2010) are listed below.



PWP item	Project title
4052DS	Ting Kau sewerage, stage 2
4061DR	Northeast New Territories village sewerage, phase 2
4126DS	Sham Tseng sewerage, stage 3
4208DS	Outlying Islands sewerage, stage 1 phase 1 part 1 - Ngong Ping village sewerage works
4211DS	Outlying Islands sewerage, stage 1 phase 2 - upgrading of Peng Chau sewage treatment works
4215DS	Yuen Long and Kam Tin sewerage and sewage disposal - Kam Tin trunk sewerage, phase 1 and Au Tau trunk sewers
4228DS	Outlying Islands sewerage, stage 1 phase 2 - Peng Chau and Cheung Chau sewerage
4347DS	Port Shelter sewerage stage 3 - Sai Kung Area 4 sewerage

Sewer connection in Mui Wo area

At the same LegCo EA panel meeting, a member raised the point that about 80% of residents in Mui Wo had refused to make the necessary sewerage connections. We wish to clarify that the connection rate in those areas in Mui Wo already served with public sewers is around 70%. For other areas in Mui Wo that have not yet been served with public sewers, the village sewerage works under the Outlying Islands Sewerage Master Plan are still under planning and construction stages. We have consulted the Mui Wo Rural Committee and Islands District Council and they have supported the works. Construction of Mui Wo Village Sewerage Phase 1 started in January 2008 and is scheduled for completion in early 2011. Once the village sewerage work is completed, EPD staff would approach the villagers on the sewer connection.

We should be grateful if you would distribute this letter to EA Panel Members.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. H. Y. YEUNG)

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for Director of Environmental Protection

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