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Clerk to Public Works Subcommittee
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(Attn: Mr. Derek LO)

Dear Mr LO,

**Public Works Subcommittee
Follow-up to meeting on 8 February 2012**

**PWSC(2011-12)48
17QW - "Revitalisation Scheme- Revitalisation of
Old Tai Po Police Station into a Green Hub"**

I refer to your letter dated 16 February 2012 to the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury.

To address the concern raised by Hon Cyd Ho at the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) meeting held on 8 February 2012 on the captioned item regarding the facilities which use renewable energy, I would like to provide supplementary information as follows.


As stated in the relevant PWSC paper, given the need to preserve the existing open area and trees and the need to minimise impact to the site, there is limited above-ground spaces for the installation of renewable energy devices. Also, given the need to conserve the building facades and Chinese pitch roofs of the historical

buildings, no new device could be installed on the roof of the existing buildings. Hence it was proposed in the PWSC paper that only a small portable solar oven would be provided for demonstrating the use of renewable energy for education purpose.

In order to reduce the energy footprint, minimize light pollution and disturbance to wildlife (with regard to the nearby egret of conservation importance), the Green Hub is designed to operate with minimal night-lighting. That said, having considered Members' comments, the Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden Corporation would provide solar garden lights at the open lawn where there is sufficient sunlight to further enhance renewable energy technology application under the Green Hub project. The proposed solar garden lights can provide a suitable level of lighting and its costs can be absorbed within the proposed project estimate. It is considered that the proposed renewable energy devices are efficient and suitable application of the renewable energy technologies in this conservation project.

Please let me know if you need further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alice PANG', followed by a checkmark.

(Ms. Alice PANG)
for Secretary for Development