

Laying of the Report Report No. 54 of the Director of Audit on the results of value for money audits was laid in the Legislative Council on 21 April 2010. The Committee's Report (Report No. 54) was subsequently tabled on 14 July 2010, thereby meeting the requirement of Rule 72 of the Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council that the Report be tabled within three months of the Director of Audit's Report being laid.

2. **The Government Minute** The Government Minute in response to the Committee's Report No. 54 was laid in the Legislative Council on 20 October 2010. A progress report on matters outstanding in the Government Minute was issued on 4 October 2011. The latest position and the Committee's further comments on these matters are set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 below.

Construction of pedestrian crossing facilities
(Chapter 1 of Part 4 of P.A.C. Report No. 54)

3. The Committee was informed that:

Review of utilisation of footbridges and subways

- in March 2011, having consulted the respective District Councils (or their relevant committees), the Transport Department ("TD") finalised the shortlist of 40 pedestrian crossing facilities for review;
- in April 2011, the TD commenced the first phase of the review, which was completed in July 2011. The first phase of the review covered 18 facilities where improvement measures were being carried out. Straightforward measures, such as installation of directional signs, were expected to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2011. More complex improvement measures (e.g. reopening of subways which might attract street sleepers) would take longer time to complete. The TD started the next phase of the review in October/November 2011 with target completion in mid-2012 to cover the remaining 22 facilities. Further improvement measures identified would be initiated as soon as practicable after the review; and

Progress made in implementing improvement measures for the footbridges and subways

- details of the further progress made in implementing improvement measures for the footbridges and subways identified by the Audit Commission were set out in *Appendix 3*.

4. The Committee wishes to be kept informed of further development on this subject.