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11 June 2012

Dear Miss YU,

Panel on Environmental Affairs
Follow-up to meeting on 28 May 2012
on Trial of Electric Buses by Franchised Bus Companies

Further to our letter dated 1 June 2012, we would like to provide the following supplementation information as requested by Members at the meeting of the Panel on Environmental Affairs on 28 May 2012:

(i) : Replacement programme for franchised buses

According to the assessment by the Transport Department, as at 31 March 2012, the estimated number of franchised buses to be retired each year up to 2017 is tabulated below:

Year	2012 (Apr to Dec)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Estimated number of buses to be retired	193	363	388	764	1025	530

(ii) : **Proposed key terms for the agreement with franchised bus companies on the trial of electric buses**

After the funding approval on the trial of electric buses by the Finance Committee, we will work with the franchised bus companies on the terms of the agreement for the trial. The key terms will cover the following areas:

- **Scope of the Government Subsidy** – the coverage of subsidy, number and type of trial buses to be put on trial, the payment arrangement, etc.;
- **Purchase of Trial Buses** – the requirements for the tendering and procurement of electric buses;
- **Trial Programme** – the arrangements for the trial, such as the duration of the trial, trial routes, operation schedules, collection and reporting of trial data; and
- **Use of Trial Buses after the Trial** – the requirement on continued use of the trial buses after the trial, etc.

We should be grateful if you would distribute this letter to Members of the Panel on Environmental Affairs.

Yours sincerely,



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for Director of Environmental Protection

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