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Urgent By Fax: 2978 7569

The Honorable Andrew Cheng Kar-foo
Chairman
Legislative Council Panel on Transport
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong

Dear Mr. Cheng,

**Panel on Transport
Meeting on 9 March 2012**

I refer to the letter of 1 March 2012 from the Clerk to the Panel on Transport, inviting us to provide written information in response to the Members' request for disclosing information relating to the ad hoc quota trial scheme for cross-boundary private cars (the Scheme) in the records of meetings of the Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference (HKGDCJC).

The Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation itself is a public document, which had already been released to the public on 7 April 2010. Regarding the plenary and working meeting of the HKGDCJC held on 23 August 2011 and 9 January 2012 respectively, the Administration has already announced the progress of cooperation about the Scheme by way of press release and press conference on the same day after the meetings. I can confirm that the relevant public announcement has already fully reflected the records of the meetings. I hope you could understand that the minutes of Government-to-Government meetings are not public documents according to standard practice. Given that we have already reflected the records of the relevant meetings through public announcement, I hope you would appreciate that there is no need to exercise the powers under the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance to order production of the meeting records.

Yours sincerely,

(Eva Cheng)
Secretary for Transport and Housing

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