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Dear Ms Lam,

PWSC(2012-13)46 - 13MD – Redevelopment of Kwong Wah Hospital

In considering PWSC (2012-13)46 on the redevelopment of Kwong Wah Hospital (KWH) – preparatory work at the Public Works Subcommittee meeting on 9 January 2013, Members requested the Administration to provide the following supplementary information –

- (a) the decanting arrangements for its services during the implementation of the redevelopment project, and a detailed breakdown of the proposed provision of \$130 million for the decanting works;
- (b) the provision of barrier free access within KWH upon redevelopment;
- (c) the provision of barrier free access to the hospital building from the nearby public transport facilities, with particular regard to the provision of appropriate ramps and pedestrian facilities that would enable wheelchair users to board and alight from the public transport facilities with ease; and
- (d) the provision of female toilet facilities in the hospital.

2. The Administration's response is elaborated in the ensuing paragraphs.

Paragraph 1(a) above

3. To facilitate patients to continue to receive clinical services in KWH during the redevelopment, the Hospital Authority (HA) will maximize the use of existing space of KWH for on-site decanting for clinical services while non-clinical services will largely be decanted off-site. Details of the decanting are planned to be as follows:

- (a) re-provisioning of clinical services at remaining parts of Main Hospital Building (MHB), Yu Chun Keung Memorial Medical Centre (YCKMMC) and Tsui Tsin Tong Out-patient Building (TTT OPB) covering around 150 inpatient beds in the existing South Wing of MHB, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Paediatric Intensive Care Unit and affected ambulatory services;
- (b) re-provisioning of essential supporting service and facilities for clinical services at Staff Barracks and Central Stack for call rooms, staff changing rooms, logistics centres for medical consumables, core administration offices and depots; and
- (c) decanting of other ancillary facilities such as storage of medical record, equipment, medical consumables, offices and supporting services will be provided off-site in temporary buildings to be erected in other hospitals.

4. Subject to detailed decanting plan to be developed by the appointed professional consultants, the preliminary cost estimate for conversion works at the remaining parts of MHB, YCKMMC, TTT OPB, Staff Barracks and Central Stack for the re-provisioning of existing services is around \$80 million and the estimated cost for the erection of temporary buildings off-site is around \$50 million.

Paragraph 1(b) above

5. HA is committed to providing a barrier free environment for the disabled in hospitals and clinics under HA's management. As the project is at the planning and design stage, HA will instruct the design team to ensure that provision of barrier free access and facilities in the redeveloped KWH will meet the requirements as set out in the "Design Manual – Barrier Free Access 2008" issued by the Buildings Department, including related design requirements on access, way-finding, sanitary provisions, furniture provisions and safety aspects etc.

Paragraph 1(c) above

6. Under the vision of "Transport for All", the Transport Department (TD) has been committed to provide accessible transport facilities to people with disabilities (PwDs) so as to facilitate their integration into the community.

7. TD has developed a Transport Planning and Design Manual (TPDM), providing general guidelines on the design and provision of transport facilities including the installation of dropped kerbs and tactile warning strips for PwDs. All new public transport interchanges (PTIs), traffic infrastructure and public roads, including connections between community facilities such as hospitals and public transport facilities, are designed and constructed to comply with the new standards in TPDM for provision of accessible facilities for PwDs. TD has been gradually retrofitting the existing facilities as far as practicable, taking into account of actual situation to meet the needs of PwDs.

8. The Government is also striving to improve barrier-free access at pedestrian facilities including installation of disabled elevators and ramps, etc. at pedestrian footbridges, elevated walkways and pedestrian subways to facilitate the use of these facilities by PwDs.

9. KWH can be easily accessed by public transport along the section of Waterloo Road between Dundas Street and Pitt Street. There is currently a tactile guide path constructed on the footway connecting the Mass Transit Railway (MTR) Yau Ma Tei Station Pitt Street exit to the main entrance of KWH. Dropped kerbs are provided at the pedestrian crossings along the surrounding footway. Meanwhile, the MTR Corporation Limited is planning to install an additional lift at the MTR Yau Ma Tei Station at Waterloo Road near Nathan Road. Dropped kerbs are already provided along the footway connecting between KWH and the location of the proposed lift to provide more accessible transport facilities to PwDs. TD will review the facilities in due course taking into account of the redevelopment of KWH.

Paragraph 1(d) above

10. HA is fully aware of the important need of adequate provision of toilet facilities in the hospitals and will instruct the design team to ensure that female toilets will be sufficiently provided for in the hospital upon its redevelopment and that the provisions of male and female toilets for the redeveloped KWH will be no less than the minimum requirements as set out in the Building Regulations for comparable usage. As the project is at the planning and design stage, the exact number of female toilet facilities can only be made available after completion of the detailed design.

Yours sincerely,



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