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Dear Ms Lam,

PWSC(2013-14)26
One-off Grant to the Hospital Authority
for Minor Works Projects

In considering **PWSC(2013-14)26** on “One-off grant to the Hospital Authority (HA) for minor works projects” at the Public Works Subcommittee meeting on 27 November 2013, the Hon Tang Ka-piu requested the Administration to provide the following supplementary information –

- (a) whether the inadequate provision of high-speed broadband service in Cheung Chau has hampered the digital transmission of X-ray films between medical institutions in Cheung Chau and public hospitals in other areas; and
- (b) the feasibility of installing a passenger lift at Choi Yuen Shopping Centre to provide a barrier-free route for patients commuting between Sheung Shui MTR Station and the North District Hospital.

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

Paragraph 1(a)

3. The high speed broadband service for St. John Hospital in Cheung Chau has recently been upgraded. With the upgrading, the problem of digital image transmission of X-ray films between the Hospital and other public hospitals no longer exists.

Paragraph 1(b)

4. HA is committed to providing barrier-free access within HA hospitals to its patients, staff and visitors. Subject to funding approval of the Finance Committee, HA will fund necessary minor works projects for improvement of barrier-free access in HA hospitals including North District Hospital with the proposed one-off grant subject to site availability, technical feasibility and the financial limit of \$75 million per item not being exceeded.

5. Regarding the suggestion to install a passenger lift at Choi Yuen Shopping Centre, at present, there are already passenger lifts within the Choi Yuen Plaza (previously known as Choi Yuen Shopping Centre) for use by the general public, including persons with disability, to commute between the pavement along Fanling Highway and the level in the Plaza with footbridges connecting the Plaza, Sheung Shui MTR Station and North District Hospital. As the Choi Yuen Plaza falls outside the boundary of North District Hospital and is not a property managed by HA, installation of any additional passenger lift cannot be funded by the proposed one-off grant.

6. Notwithstanding the above, HA will continue to closely monitor the needs of visitors and patients of the North District Hospital with a view to improving barrier-free access within the Hospital and providing additional facilities using the proposed one-off grant as and when necessary.

Yours sincerely,



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