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Dear Ms Lau,

**Panel on Transport  
Parking spaces for school buses and nanny vans**

Thank you for the Secretariat's letter dated 17 February 2014, which attached a letter from Dr. Hon. Elizabeth Quat on parking spaces for school buses and nanny vans. Our reply is set out below:

As of 31 January 2014, there were a total of 5 300 student service vehicles ("SSVs") in Hong Kong, including 3 745 non-franchised buses with student service endorsement, 70 school private buses, and 1 780 school private light buses ("SPLBs").

Since there are different types and sizes of SSVs, there are no designated parking spaces for the exclusive use of SSVs. SSVs may park at any suitable parking spaces according to their types and sizes. For example, SPLBs and private cars are generally of similar length and width, and may therefore park at parking spaces for private cars. Larger SPLBs may park at parking spaces for light buses. Public non-franchised buses and private school buses may use the parking spaces for non-franchised buses. There are currently 18 430 designated on-street parking spaces for private cars, and 5 220 on-street and off-street spaces for non-franchised buses (including light buses) in Hong Kong.

The Government will continue to monitor the parking need of various types of vehicles, including SSVs, and implement the following measures to cater for the demand when necessary-

- (i) provide on-street parking spaces as long as road safety and other road uses are not affected;
- (ii) allow temporary car parks to operate at sites with no immediate development plans;
- (iii) if the demand for parking spaces designated for non-franchised buses is particularly high for a certain district, we will consider designating some parts of the existing temporary car parks for the exclusive use of non-franchised buses, including SSVs of the appropriate length and width, when renewing the tenancy of car parks; and
- (iv) require an appropriate number of parking spaces designated for non-franchised buses to be included in development projects where appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Transport and Housing