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Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Chairman
Public Works Subcommittee
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Chairman,

**Agenda of the Public Works Subcommittee Meeting
on 10 February 2015**

I write to give notice of the agenda items of the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) meeting to be held on 10 February 2015. Attached please find a copy of the agenda for reference.

The three items on the agenda are outstanding items which have not been examined at the PWSC meeting yesterday. The first item seeks funding for the block allocations for Heads 701 to 711 under the Capital Works Reserve Fund (CWRF) for 2015-16 and to increase the approved allocations for two subheads for 2014-15 (PWSC(2014-15)52). We suggest the PWSC examine the item first at the next meeting given the dire urgency of the item.

There are a total of 26 block allocation subheads under the CWRF, covering a wide range of projects including landslip preventive works, refurbishment of government buildings, drainage works, waterworks, highways maintenance, minor works for universities, schools and welfare facilities, as well as pre-construction work for Category B projects. The funding requirement for

the CWRf block allocations for 2015-16 amounts to \$12,204.7 million. It will be used for implementing about 9 000 projects, including over 7 000 ongoing items and more than 1 000 new ones.

The funding application for the block allocations for 2015-16 must be submitted to the Finance Committee (FC) for approval as soon as practicable. If funding approval of the FC cannot be obtained by the end of the current financial year (i.e. by 31 March 2015), over 7 000 ongoing items will need to be suspended. Subject to PWSC's support, we plan to submit the funding application for the block allocations for FC's consideration on 27 February 2015.

The other two agenda items relate to Tuen Mun sewerage works (PWSC(2014-15)49) and pilot study on underground space development (PWSC(2014-15)50). Both items are carried over from the last legislative session and are important and urgent in their own ways. For instance, tenders for the Tuen Mun sewerage works have been invited and the tender validity period will expire in August 2015. Nonetheless, taking into account the overall priority of the various agenda items, the Government sees a pressing need to consider the funding application for the block allocations as a matter of priority.

Yours sincerely,



(YEUNG Tak-keung)

for Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

**Agenda for
Public Works Subcommittee Meeting
to be held on Tuesday, 10 February 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
in Conference Room 1 of Legislative Council Complex**

Item No.

Subject

Capital Works Reserve Fund Block Allocations

1. PWSC(2014-15)52 — Block allocations for Heads 701 to 711 under the Capital Works Reserve Fund

(In attendance : pending nomination)

Head 704 – Drainage

2. PWSC(2014-15)49* 160DS Tuen Mun sewerage, stage 1
346DS Upgrading of Tuen Mun sewerage, phase 1

(In attendance : pending nomination)

Head 705 – Civil Engineering

3. PWSC(2014-15)50* 769CL Pilot Study on Underground Space Development in Selected Strategic Urban Areas

(In attendance : pending nomination)

(Public officers in attendance of all items : pending nomination)

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* Agenda item carried over from the meeting on 4 February 2015.