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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 19 November 2014**

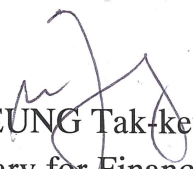
Upon receipt of the Government's notice with respect to the agenda of the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) meeting on 19 November 2014, you inquired if the Government would withdraw the remaining 13 deferred items. Our reply is set out below.

In the 2013-14 legislative session, the PWSC conducted 20 meetings and discussed 24 works items. Among the 20 meetings, six meetings were held in June and July 2014 during which PWSC had only completed examination of two items and started, but not yet finished, the discussion of one item. At the two meetings held in October in the current legislative session, PWSC had only discussed one information note and resumed the discussion of one deferred works item. As of now, there are 21 funding proposals submitted to the PWSC in the 2013-14 legislative session and still pending its examination, including one item that requires re-tendering.

In view of the progress of examination of items by the PWSC in the recent months, it is unlikely that the PWSC could examine 20 works items at the two-hour session on 19 November. Based on experience, it will be pragmatic to arrange only seven works items for Members to examine as we have submitted in our notice. These items are the first seven items on the agenda of the last PWSC meeting. In fact, according to past records, four to eight agenda items would normally be arranged for a two-hour PWSC meeting. The recent heavy agenda with over ten items are exceptional mainly due to the large number of deferred items in the PWSC since late June this year. We note that in the past some deferred items had been taken out from the agenda of the PWSC for discussion at later meetings to suit the actual circumstances.

In our letter to you dated 5 November 2014, we have already explained the urgency of the seven items submitted this time. We earnestly appeal to all PWSC Members to examine the expenditure proposals and make recommendations to the Finance Committee as early as possible, so that these public works projects can be taken forward without delay. The Government will submit other items to the PWSC depending on the progress of its meetings. The Government has no plan to withdraw these items as they are important and urgent in different ways, and are closely related to the livelihood and long-term development of the community.

Yours sincerely,


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for Secretary for Financial Services
and the Treasury

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