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23 December 2014

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Dear Mr Chu,

**Public Accounts Committee**  
**Consideration of Chapter 9 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 63**  
**Provision of cycle track network in the New Territories**

Thank you for your letter of 16 December 2014. Regarding the issues raised in your letter that are related to the Transport Department, i.e. paragraph (d), we would like to clarify two points –

- (a) The consultancy fee of \$1.37 million mentioned in your letter is the total fee for the 2010 General Study, as reported in paragraph 4.5 of the Audit Report. The study on accident prone sites was instructed as an additional service to form part of the 2010 General Study. The cost of this part of the study is \$0.19 million.
- (b) You mentioned in the letter that there were slippages in the works, with the longest being 21 months. We believe that this figure is extracted from Table 10 of the Audit Report. We would like to point out that it would not be that accurate to describe the period between the target completion date and the actual completion date as “slippages”. The target completion date was merely a rough estimate for planning purpose, based on very preliminary assessments. The progress of works and the actual completion date can be affected by an array of site factors, many of which are unpredictable and are beyond the control of TD and HyD, e.g. unexpected need for tree removal, discovery and consequential diversion of uncharted underground utilities, etc. Some of these issues were explained in paragraph 4.12 of the Audit Report.

As regards the specific questions raised under paragraph (d) of your letter, please find below our response --

(a) **Item (ix)**

Please find in **Annex 1** a table showing the number of cycling accidents at the 16 accident-prone sites in the past 5 years.

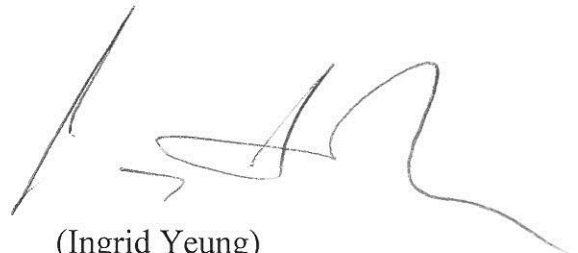
(b) **Item (x)**

HyD will separately reply on this point.

(c) **Item (xi)**

Regarding the latest progress of the Tai Po Pilot Scheme, the consultant has completed all the nine evaluation reports, each covering one new improvement measure tested under the Tai Po Pilot Scheme. Five evaluation reports have been endorsed by the concerned Working Group (WG) (comprising representatives of relevant Government bureaux / departments). The WG has some further comments on the remaining four evaluation reports. Subject to the satisfactory settlement of these comments, they can be endorsed by the WG in end December 2014.

Yours sincerely,



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**No. of cycling accidents at the 16 accident-prone sites  
mentioned in paragraph 4.10 of the Report in the past 5 years**

	Accident-prone site <sup>(see Note 1)</sup>	No. of cycling accidents				
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
1	Junction of Sha Tin Rural Committee Road and Yuen Wo Road (#1)	6	1	2	3	2
2	Shing Mun River near Banyan Bridge (#2)	9	8	3	3	1
3	Lion Rock Tunnel Road near Museum of Heritage (#3)	7	5	7	10	6
4	Junction of Ting Kok Road and Lo Fai Road (#4)	3	7	5	17	7
5	A Kung Kok Street near Mui Tsz Lam Road (#5)	5	5	8	3	5
6	Ting Kok Road near Wong Yue Tan (#6)	3	6	3	14	8
7	Shing Mun River Cycle Track near Hang Tai Road (#7)	3	6	1	2	1
8	Junction of Yuen Wo Road and Fo Tan Road (#9)	4	5	3	8	7
9	Lok King Street near Jubilee Garden (#10)	4	3	0	0	0
10	Junction of Tate's Cairn Highway and Bridge across Shing Mun River (#11)	2	6	2	1	1
11	Kiu Ha Road near Vehicle Weighing Station (#12)	3	2	1	1	2
12	Footbridge near Ma On Shan Bypass, Hang On Estate (#13)	2	2	2	1	1
13	Lion Rock Tunnel Road (near Che Kung Temple Mass Transit Railway Station) (#16)	3	4	7	2	7
14	Lion Rock Tunnel Road (near Shing Mun River) (#18)	3	1	0	1	3
15	Lion Rock Tunnel Road (near Tai Chung Kiu Road) (#19)	2	3	5	3	2
16	Tolo Highway Cycle Track near Sui Cheung Street Roundabout (#20)	2	0	3	5	2

**Notes**

1. Numbers in bracket are the site reference numbers in Appendix D of the Report.
2. The limits of each accident-prone site vary and extend across a long stretch of cycle track. Most of the accidents were scattered without concentrating at a spot.