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Dear Ms Ng,

Panel on Transport
Proposed revision to fees and charges relating to road traffic
(Batch 2)

In the course of discussion of the item “Proposed revision to fees and charges relating to road traffic (Batch 2)” at the Legislative Council Panel on Transport meeting on 27 February 2015, Members requested the Administration to provide the following information –

- (a) the analysis of the Administration on whether the capacity of the existing designated car testing centres (“DCTCs”) is sufficient to meet the demand, including how the Administration determines the capacity of DCTCs; and
- (b) clarification on whether the support of the Transport Department is required to facilitate the operation of DCTCs on Saturdays and Sundays.

Regarding (a), there are currently 22 DCTCs in Hong Kong, which are responsible for examining private cars and light goods vehicles not exceeding 1.9 tonnes. The Transport Department (“TD”) assesses the inspection capacity of these DCTCs according to their vehicle inspection area, inspection equipment and manpower. According to TD’s assessment, DCTCs can handle inspection of about 400 000 vehicles annually. In 2014,

the number of private cars and light goods vehicles (not exceeding 1.9 tonnes) inspected at DCTCs were 312 000 and 260 respectively.

According to the TD's forecast, the number of vehicles required to undergo examination at DCTCs in the next three years is expected to increase by around 15 000 to 20 000 annually. Based on the TD's estimation, if the majority of the authorised approved car testers will be engaged in full-time vehicle examination work, the manpower should be sufficient to cope with the additional examination work at DCTCs in the next three years. However, the Government also needs to consider increasing the number of DCTCs to provide more vehicle examination facilities and space, in order to cope with the additional vehicle examination demand brought about by vehicle growth. In this regard, the TD is preparing for the promulgation of the updated requirements for new DCTCs shortly and will invite applications accordingly.

Regarding (b), if DCTCs provide inspection service on Saturdays and Sundays, the TD will need to arrange staff to be on duty in order to monitor their operation. Currently, 18 out of the 22 DCTCs have already provided inspection service on Saturdays, and the TD has also arranged staff to be on duty. Furthermore, a number of DCTCs will extend service hours to Saturdays and Sundays with effect from April this year. The TD will arrange by then adequate manpower to be on duty on Saturdays and Sundays.

Yours sincerely,

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