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Ms Anita Sit
Clerk to Finance Committee
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Ms Sit,

Finance Committee
Follow-up to meetings on 18 and 19 March 2016

The supplementary information on the block allocations under the Capital Works Reserve Fund for 2016-17 (FCR(2015-16)48) requested by Members at the above meetings is set out at **Enclosure** for reference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jasmine Choi'.

(Jasmine Choi)
for Secretary for Financial Services
and the Treasury

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Director of Civil Engineering and Development (Attn : Mr Francis Ng)
Director of Lands (Attn : Ms Joyce Ng)

Enclosure

- (1) Regarding the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and associated works as well as Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link, Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki requested the Government to provide details of the payment of compensation and ex-gratia allowances in respect of the public works projects and specify whether the allowances could adequately compensate the affected residents for their loss.
- (2) Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG asked for information on compensation for land resumption involved in the Liantang Boundary Control Point project.

Reply:

The project estimate of “Hong Kong Section of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link” as well as that of “Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and Associated Works (Connecting Road)” and “Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and Associated Works (Site Formation and Civil Works)” (collectively named below as “Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and Associated Works”) are tabulated below:

	Hong Kong Section of Guangzhou- Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link	Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and Associated Works
Item	\$ million	\$ million
Compensation for private land	1,636.42	3,513.66
Other statutory compensation	106.71	20.77
Ex-gratia allowances for crop compensation, farm structures, miscellaneous permanent improvements to farms and fishery undertakings	24.38	83.03
Ex-gratia allowances for miscellaneous indigenous villager matters, e.g. “Tun Fu” ceremonies and removal of graves and urns (Kam Taps)	7.35	12.05
Ex-gratia allowances for domestic occupiers and business undertakings	0.15	19
Total (about)	1,775.01	3,648.51

The land compensation and various ex-gratia allowances would continue to be released to the former landowners and eligible clearerees according to the established mechanism.

- (3) Hon WU Chi-wai expressed concern about the illegal occupation of government land and asked for information on the land use in Wang Chau, Yuen Long.

Reply:

The Lands Department (LandsD) has deployed its staff to conduct site inspection in respect of the suspected occupation of government land at Wang Chau, Yuen Long. The area involves private land with an area of about 10 hectares and government land with an area of about 8.5 hectares. Part of the government land concerned covers the area of a number of Short Term Tenancies (STTs), while the remaining government land is quite dispersed, partially being vehicle access roads leading to the adjacent private lots and partially being in between private land, where some unauthorised structures including hoarding were erected and containers were found at individual locations. The gross area of the government land unlawfully occupied is about 3.8 hectares, but since such land is scattered among the private land, detailed and professional surveys are required in order to identify the land boundary.

The District Lands Office, Yuen Long and Squatter Control Unit of LandsD have taken joint land control action. Notices have been posted pursuant to the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 28) on government land being occupied. The occupiers were required to cease occupation of the government land before the specified date, or LandsD will take further land control action, including removal of structures and containers from the government land concerned. If there is sufficient evidence, LandsD will consider prosecuting the occupier after seeking legal advice.

Moreover, it is found that the fenced areas of some STTs have extended beyond their tenancy areas. LandsD has issued warning letters to the tenants concerned, requiring them to rectify the situation before the specified date. Otherwise, LandsD will consider cancellation of the STTs concerned.

- (4) Hon WU Chi-wai asked for the following information:
- confirm that study outlines and results would be published in relation to projects mentioned in Part I under **Head 707 Subhead 7100CX**;
 - confirm that study outlines and results would be published in relation to items 3, 4, 7 and 8 mentioned in Part II under **Head 707 Subhead 7100CX**; and
 - a list of “about 50 other on-going and new items with expected expenditure” in Part III under **Head 707 Subhead 7100CX**.

Reply:

Regarding the items in Part I and Items 3, 4, 7 and 8 in Part II under **Head 707 Subhead 7100CX**, the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) will endeavour to make the scope and summary of findings of the studies available for public viewing after completion of the studies. As there are many studies involved, CEDD would separately process each case of the request for information.

Information of the other on-going and new items with expected expenditure in 2016-17 referenced in Part III under **Head 707 Subhead 7100CX** is set out at **Annex** for reference.

- (5) Hon Albert CHAN requested a report from the Government on the impact of the construction of Ngong Ping 360 by the Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited on the growth of *Enkianthus quinqueflorus* (Chinese New Year Flower) nearby during the construction period, together with an update on the growth of the plant.

Reply:

CEDD has commissioned a preliminary feasibility study of cable car system from Ngong Ping to Tai O. The scope of the study includes the preliminary environmental assessment to appraise the environmental impact that may be caused by the construction and operation of the proposed cable car system. The preliminary environmental assessment would suggest feasible mitigation measures for in-depth appraisal in the detailed feasibility study, if needed, in the next stage.

CEDD is liaising with the concerned party responsible for the development of Ngong Ping 360 with a view to understanding the situation of *Enkianthus quinqueflorus* (Chinese New Year Flower) around the Ngong Ping 360, and making reference of their experience regarding associated protection measures.

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Should detailed feasibility study is needed, CEDD will formulate feasible measures to avoid affecting *Enkianthus quinqueflorus* (Chinese New Year Flower) in the area as far as possible.

- (6) Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che asked for information about the income and expenditure and an economic assessment report in relation to a project under **Head 705 Subhead 5101CX** concerning the setting up of a temporary racetrack for an international electric car-racing event in the new Central Harbourfront.

Reply:

The FIA Formula E Championship is the world's first-ever international fully-electric racing series, which is new and unique in the motorsports world. From the tourism perspective, hosting this world-class, unique and novel motorsports event in Hong Kong is in line with our policy objective of enriching the overall tourism appeal of Hong Kong by introducing more attractive high-end mega events in town.

As for "FIA Formula E Championship-Hong Kong ePrix", the organizer is planning to stage various supporting activities to enrich the event's content. The event organizer is fully responsible for the operation and expenditure of the race and its side activities, including the ticketing and broadcasting arrangements of the race.

It is expected that the event will generate various economic benefits to Hong Kong. Firstly, it will create significant media and city branding value. The organizer will promote the Hong Kong ePrix in overseas and Mainland markets, and broadcast the race live in about 120 countries reaching millions of audience globally. The event will burnish our city image as a metropolis with the backdrop of our iconic city centre skyline and Victoria Harbour, as well as reinforce the status of Hong Kong as a premier and diverse tourist destination.

Secondly, it is expected that with extensive publicity mentioned above, the Hong Kong e-Prix will attract overnight high-spending visitors, particularly motorsports lovers and racing crew members, to the city. The visitors will bring incremental tourism receipts to the city as well as fuel the growth of various tourism-related sectors, such as hotels, air transport, catering and retail.

Last but not least, the race will create long-term and temporary job opportunities for the locals. Apart from setting up a local office, the organizer will also hire local contractors for the provision of catering services, among others, for the race.

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The preparation works for the racetrack, which mainly comprise minor road modification works and ancillary works including tree transplantation, felling and compensatory works, relocation of street lighting and traffic signs, are estimated to cost about HK\$20 million. The expense for the construction works will be one-off and such road modification works will pave the way for hosting the same event in the years ahead or other large-scale motorsports events in Hong Kong.

List of 47 other on-going and new items under **Subhead 7100CX** with expected expenditure in 2016-17 —

(A) On-going items with expected expenditure in 2016-17	
	Project Title
1	Formation, roads and drains in Area 54, Tuen Mun, phase 1 – consultants’ fees and site investigation
2	Demolition of buildings, structures and chimneys at Kennedy Town comprehensive development area – consultants’ fees and site investigation
3	Site formation and infrastructural works for housing sites A, B and C in Ma On Shan – feasibility study and associated investigation works
4	Improvement works for Mui Wo Facelift – consultants’ fees and site investigation
5	Improvement works at Tai O – consultants’ fees and site investigation
6	Provisions to accommodate dining services at the New Wan Chai Ferry Pier
7	Feasibility study for Government Flying Service Helicopter Forward Base
8	Provision of two grade-separated pedestrian linkages to the Kwun Tong town centre redevelopment – consultants’ fees and site investigation
9	Tai Kok Tsui advance promenade
10	Development of ex-Cha Kwo Ling Kaolin mine site – consultant’s fee and site investigation works
11	Integrated basement of West Kowloon Cultural District – design and site investigation of advance works
12	Kai Tak development – feasibility study on further improvement of water quality at Kai Tak approach channel and Kwun Tong typhoon shelter
13	Kai Tak development – public creatives design guidelines
14	Kai Tak development – feasibility study on the implementation of underground shopping street
15	Kai Tak development – further archaeological field investigation for stage 5B infrastructure works at former north apron area
16	Feasibility study on cycle track network in Kai Tak development
17	Kai Tak development – further review on development intensity
18	Upgrading works at Kai Tak Ex-fire Boat Pier
19	Tai Po development – remaining engineering works at areas 12 (part) and 39 – consultants’ fees and site investigation
20	Planning and engineering study for Kwu Tung South

(A) On-going items with expected expenditure in 2016-17	
	Project Title
21	Tseung Kwan O further development – infrastructure works of Tseung Kwan O stage 1 landfill site – remaining works – detailed design and associated site investigation works
22	Preliminary feasibility study on developing the New Territories North
23	Soil erosion control planting at Wilson Trail Section 3, Black Hill, Lam Tin
24	Planning and engineering review for accommodating additional population in the North East New Territories new development areas (NENT NDAs) due to co-locating police facilities and for remaining works packages of the NENT NDAs
25	First stage of site formation and engineering infrastructure at Kwu Tung North new development area and Fanling North new development area – detailed design and site investigation
26	Engineering feasibility study for co-locating police facilities in Kong Nga Po
27	Engineering works to support a housing site (GLA15) at Whitehead, Ma On Shan – consultants' fees and ground investigation works
28	Cycle tracks connecting North West New Territories with North East New Territories (consultants' fees and site investigation)
29	Cycle tracks connecting North West New Territories with North East New Territories – extension (minor sections) consultants' fees for investigation and design stages and site investigation
30	Retrofitting of noise barriers on Tsuen Wan Road (consultants' fees and site investigation)
31	Ha Mei San Tsuen village expansion area – design review and ground investigation
32	Flyover from Kwai Tsing interchange upramp to Kwai Chung Road – consultants' fees and site investigation for investigation stage
33	Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop : land decontamination and advance engineering works – consultants' fees and site investigation
34	Pilot scheme of provision of underground bicycle parking system – investigation
35	Enhancement to the environment and facilities in the vicinity of the cycle track from Fanling to Tai Po
36	Pedestrian environment improvement scheme for transformation of Kwun Tong Business Area – feasibility study
37	Planning and engineering study for the development at Kowloon Bay Action Area of Kowloon East
38	Improvement works to Tung Chung – Tai O ancient trail

(B) New items to commence in 2016-17 with expected expenditure in 2016-17	
	Project Title
39	Hung Shui Kiu new development area advance works, phase 1 – site formation and engineering infrastructure – detailed design and site investigation
40	Hung Shui Kiu new development area stage 1 works – site formation and engineering infrastructure – detailed design and site investigation
41	Study on proposed multi-storey buildings in Yuen Long area for brownfield operations
42	Revitalisation of back alleys at Kwun Tong Business Area (phase 2)
43	Enhancement of short-term pedestrian facilities in Kwun Tong Business Area
44	Planning and engineering studies for Kai Tak Fantasy (phase 2) – procurement of advisor for the planning and engineering review for the developments at Kai Tak Fantasy – feasibility study
45	Greening in Kowloon East
46	Study for enhancing the design of cycle track within waterfront promenades
47	Study on the revitalisation of disused ferry piers in Victoria Harbour