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Dear Ms Chung,

**Public Works Subcommittee under  
the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council  
Meeting on 20 April 2016  
Item No. PWSC(2016-17)5**

**Supplementary Information**

At the meeting of the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) under the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council (LegCo) held on 20 April 2016, the Government was requested to provide supplementary information on the motion passed at the Panel on Transport meeting on 15 April 2016 regarding the request to the Government to “set up a \$5 billion Hillside Elevator and Escalator Fund”. Our reply is as follows.

Generally speaking, for works with smaller scales and lower project costs (for instance, works under the “Universal Accessibility Programme” which only involve the retrofitting of one to two lifts to existing footbridges), they could be funded under a block vote. However, since the hillside escalator links and elevator systems (hillside escalator links) projects involve the construction of new public walkways, local residents often have different opinions regarding the proposed alignments which warrant longer consultation periods. Furthermore, since these projects are of larger scales and involve higher project costs, allocation of resources and prioritisation of the entire public works programme (PWP) will have to be considered. Therefore, they are taken forward according to the established PWP mechanism.

We understand that Members as well as the public look forward to the early implementation of these hillside escalator links. Regarding the aforesaid motion, we will study its feasibility in consultation with the relevant policy bureaux and departments. Since it will take certain time for the study and internal discussion, we believe that we will not be able to furnish a concrete response before the relevant Finance Committee meeting. We will report to LegCo on the progress timely.

Yours sincerely,



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