

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
PANEL ON DEVELOPMENT**

414RO -- Improvement works at Mui Wo

Follow-up Actions to Meeting on 22 December 2015

Supplementary information as required by the Panel on 22 December 2015 is provided below:

- (a) *Given that the scope of PWP Item No. 414RO (“the proposed project”) comprised various works items, such as slope improvement works, construction of a new carriageway, etc., a detailed breakdown of the cost estimate for the proposed project in the relevant paper to be submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee.*

A detailed breakdown of the cost estimate for the proposed project will be provided in the PWSC paper to be submitted separately.

- (b) *As regards the demand for parking spaces in Mui Wo and in South Lantau, (i) the latest demand, and (ii) the estimated demand for the period up to completion of the proposed project, and for the next five years after completion of the project.*

According to a parking survey conducted by Transport Department in December 2015, out of the 220 private car parking spaces at Mui Wo (including, amongst others, a public carpark operated under a Short Term Tenancy (STT) agreement), about 195 of them were occupied (with vacant parking spaces mainly within the STT carpark). However, at the same time, the number of illegally parked vehicles at Mui Wo were observed to be on average around 200, of which about 40 to 50 were “dead cars” or had not been issued with a Lantau Closed Road Permit (LCRP). Excluding the dead cars or cars without the issue of the LCRP, the estimated prevailing demand for private car parking spaces at Mui Wo is about 350 numbers.

For South Lantau, out of the 436 private car parking spaces, about 315 of them were occupied. The utilization rate was 72%.

There is no projection on the parking space requirement in Mui Wo and South Lantau for the next five year.

- (c) *The annual growth rate of the total number of vehicles with Lantau Closed Road permits for the past three years; and the projected growth rate.*

The average annual growth rate of the total number of vehicles with LCRPs for the past three years is about 11%. The number of the permits granted in the past three years is summarized in the following table.

Nature of Permits	Number of LCRPs issued in			
	2012	2013	2014	2015
Long-term	3 300	3 700	4 000	4 500
Temporary	7 300	8 200	8 700	10 100
Total	10 600	11 900	12 700	14 600

Note: Long-term LCRPs are generally issued to residents/people doing business in South Lantau for a period of 12 months. Temporary LCRPs are generally issued to people with needs to enter South Lantau one-off.

The Government does not forecast the growth rate of the number of LCRPs to be issued.

- (d) *Given that the scope of the proposed project included extension of an existing carpark adjacent to the Mui Wo Ferry Pier Road (“the Carpark”), solutions/plans that would be developed/implemented by the Administration to increase immediately or within a short period the parking spaces in the Carpark/at the project site if the capacity of the Carpark after the proposed extension was not adequate to meet the parking demand; and the estimated timeframe for the Administration to implement the solutions/plans*

The proposed extension of the carpark under the Improvement Works at Mui Wo, Phase 2 Stage 1 would provide an additional 90 parking spaces for private cars, thereby increasing the number of parking spaces by 41% (from 220 to 310) at Mui Wo.

The Government would continue to explore short term measures to increase the number of car parking spaces at Mui Wo by identifying appropriate unallocated government land for use as public carpark under STT agreement. Initial proposals, which are subject to feasibility assessment, include (i) converting the playground of the ex-New Territories Heung Yee Kuk Southern District

Secondary School into a temporary carpark (providing about 40 to 50 car parking spaces); and (ii) using a site opposite to the drainage reserve at Mui Wo old town for providing a temporary carpark (providing about 50 to 60 parking spaces).

The Government believes that upon the implementation of these measures, the private car parking spaces provided at Mui Wo will be adequate to meet the prevailing demand.

- (e) *The justifications for constructing the proposed new single two-lane carriageway (i.e. the part shown in blue on the plan at Enclosure 1 of the discussion paper (LC Paper No. CB(1)300/15-16(03))) (including the reasons for providing the new carriageway at the proposed location).*

The proposed works will improve the access to the carpark by providing a more direct route via sections of a new access road as well as a realigned carriageway. The revised access will reduce traffic using Mui Wo Ferry Pier Road along the south waterfront. It will thus improve the living environment of residents in the nearby area, and also facilitate the beautification and enhancement of the south waterfront promenade to be carried out under the remaining phases of Improvement Works at Mui Wo.

- (f) *Details of the impact of the proposed project on trees; and the proposed remedial measures.*

Of the 178 trees located within the site boundary, 144 trees will be preserved. The remaining 34 trees will have to be removed, which include 24 trees to be felled and 10 trees to be transplanted within the project site. All trees to be removed are not important trees. Planting proposals, including estimated quantities of 24 trees and 600 m² of grassed area, will be incorporated as part of the proposed improvement works.