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Dear Ms. LAU,

Follow-up items of the Panel on Transport

I refer to the questions raised by Members of the Panel at the meeting on 6 November 2015 on public light bus (“PLB”) and taxi services. I am writing to provide the following information as requested:

- (i) information on the introduction of green minibus (“GMB”) services to new development areas in recent years; and
- (ii) number of prosecutions against malpractices of taxi drivers (such as refusal to hire and failing to drive to destinations with the most direct practicable route) in recent years.

Introduction of GMB services to new development areas

The role of PLBs in the public transport system is to provide supplementary feeder service, as well as to serve areas with relatively lower passenger demand or where the use of high-capacity transport modes is not suitable. The Transport Department (“TD”) would review the demand of different new development areas or new housing developments for public transport services. If the introduction of GMB services is considered suitable, TD will make arrangements through the established mechanism to select GMB operators. GMB services introduced in recent years or planned to be introduced cover districts such as Tseung Kwan O, Kwun Tong, Sha Tin and Yuen Long, etc. Details are set out at **Annex**.

Number of prosecutions against malpractices of taxi drivers

The Police have stepped up enforcement against malpractices of taxi drivers by carrying out decoy operations in different locations for stronger deterrent effect. In the past three years, the number of prosecutions made by the Police against malpractices of taxi drivers (including refusal to hire and failing to drive to destinations with the most direct practicable route) were 2 178 cases in 2012, 2 502 cases in 2013 and 1 652 cases in 2014.

Yours sincerely,

(Louis LEUNG)
for Secretary for Transport and Housing

c.c.:

Commissioner for Transport (Attn.: Ms. Stella LEE and Mr. Dannis LEUNG)

**GMB services introduced by TD to
new development areas/new housing developments in recent years**

Commencement date	Destinations
September 2013	Cruise Terminal to Kowloon Bay (Telford Gardens) (circular)
February 2015	Kai Ching Estate, Kai Tak to Wong Tai Sin Station (circular)
February 2015	The Beaumont, Tseung Kwan O to Hang Hau (circular)
June 2015	Shui Chuen O, Sha Tin to Shek Mun Station
August 2015	Shui Chuen O, Sha Tin to Hin Keng (Che Kung Miu Road)
First quarter of 2016 (tentative)*	Hung Shui Kiu, Yuen Long (Hung Yuen Road) to Tin Shui Wai Station (circular)
First quarter of 2016 (tentative)*	Anderson Road Development Area, Kowloon to Ngau Tau Kok (Jordan Valley North Road) (circular)
First quarter of 2016 (tentative)*	Anderson Road Development Area, Kowloon to Kowloon Bay (Sheung Yee Road) (circular)

* Note: The preparatory work for the launch of service is in progress.