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Dear Ms LAU,

**Legislative Council Panel on Transport
Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways**

Meeting on 28 April 2017

Supplementary Information

At the meeting of the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways held on 28 April 2017, Members requested the Government / the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) to provide supplementary information about the latest progress of the enhancement of MTR station facilities. The supplementary information is provided below.

The Government has been paying attention to the safety and operation of railway stations. The two inter-departmental committees, namely Station and Transport Integration Committee (STIC) and Safety and Security Coordinating Committee (SSCC), are responsible for approving the applications submitted by the MTRCL in relation to the planning of station facilities (including shops in the stations). When vetting the applications, the STIC considers factors such as whether the applications involve a change in the design of the station and are in compliance with the requirements as

stipulated in the relevant by-laws, and whether there will be any unacceptable impact arising from the passenger flow inside the station. The SSCC considers the applications from the safety and security perspectives, for example, whether there are negative impacts on emergency escape routes, fire-fighting and rescue accesses, fire service installations, fire resisting structures, etc.

For the provision of a comfortable and convenient railway environment, there are shops in railway stations generally to offer services and goods for use by passengers and citizens.

In taking forward new railway projects, Government and the MTRCL will discuss the use of the facilities and shops in the new railway stations including commercial activities and non-commercial activities (e.g. breast feeding room), as well as matters such as rent and land premium in relation to commercial activities.

Yours sincerely,

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