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(Attn: Ms Ada LAU)

Dear Ms LAU,

Follow-up to Meeting of Finance Committee on 27 October 2017

Reprovisioning of Shanghai Street refuse collection point and street sleepers' services units to the site on Hau Cheung Street, Yau Ma Tei for the phase II development of the Yau Ma Tei Theatre project

At the meeting of the Finance Committee (FC) on 27 October 2017 when Members discussed the captioned reprovisioning project, the FC Chairman, Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun and Hon WU Chi-wai requested the Government to provide supplementary information. Having consulted the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), the relevant information is provided as follows –

Matters related to the accommodation plans of street sleepers

To address the emergency and short-term accommodation needs of street sleepers, the SWD subvents six non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate urban hostels for single persons and emergency shelters, which provide a total of 222 accommodation places. Besides, other NGOs provide 408 accommodation places on a self-financing basis. The total number of subvented / self-financing accommodation places for street sleepers amounts to 630. As these hostels / shelters aim at assisting street sleepers in transiting to long-term accommodation, the duration of the emergency and short-term


accommodation generally lasts for a maximum period of six months. Responsible social workers would closely review the street sleepers' conditions, consider extending their stay having regard to individual circumstances and render follow-up service on their long term accommodation plans.

In 2016-17, the hostels / shelters subvented by the SWD provided emergency and short-term accommodation services to a cumulative number of 514 street sleepers and people on the verge of being homeless. Out of the 343 discharges, 311 were provided with accommodation plans and had not resumed street sleeping, constituting about 91% out of the total discharges. The accommodation plans upon discharge include emergency or temporary shelters, public housing, private rented tenements or elderly institutions, urban hostels for single persons or singleton hostels of the Home Affairs Department, reuniting with family or staying with friends etc.

Matters related to refuse collection points

The FEHD has put in place recyclables collection bins (RCBs) in all permanent off-street refuse collection points (RCPs) or its vicinity over the territory to collect waste paper, metal and plastics. Currently, the services to collect recyclables from RCBs are provided by Baguio Waste Management & Recycling Limited (Baguio). The services to collect waste from RCPs are provided by the refuse collection vehicle fleet of the FEHD or that of the nine waste collection services contractors. The recyclables collection services and refuse collection services are being operated independently. In individual districts, Baguio provides both recyclables collection services and refuse collection services, but these two services are still being operated independently.

Yours sincerely,



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