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**Public Works Subcommittee of the Finance Committee
of the Legislative Council**

**Minutes of special meeting
held in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex
on Monday, 15 January 2018, at 4:45 pm**

Members present:

Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP (Chairman)

Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP (Deputy Chairman)

Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP

Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP

Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP

Hon Claudia MO

Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP

Hon WU Chi-wai, MH

Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS

Hon CHAN Chi-chuen

Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP

Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP

Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP

Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP

Hon Alvin YEUNG

Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin

Hon CHU Hoi-dick

Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding

Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH

Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP
Hon KWONG Chun-yu
Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho

Members absent:

Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP
Hon HO Kai-ming
Hon LAM Cheuk-ting
Hon HUI Chi-fung
Hon LUK Chung-hung
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH
Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai

Public officers attending:

Mr Raistlin LAU Chun, JP	Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) ³
Miss Joey LAM Kam-ping, JP	Deputy Secretary for Development (Works) ¹
Ms Bernadette LINN, JP	Permanent Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands)
Mr Elvis AU Wai-kwong, JP	Deputy Director of Environmental Protection (1)

Ms Margaret HSIA Mai-chi	Principal Assistant Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) (Works)
Mr Jose YAM Ho-san	Commissioner for Heritage Development Bureau
Mrs Sylvia LAM YU Ka-wai, JP	Director of Architectural Services
Mr Stephen IP Shing-tak	Chief Technical Adviser (Subvented Projects) (Acting) Architectural Services Department
Mr LAM Sai-hung, JP	Director of Civil Engineering and Development
Mr Edwin TONG Ka-hung, JP	Director of Drainage Services
Mr Daniel CHUNG Kum-wah, JP	Director of Highways
Mr WONG Chung-leung, JP	Director of Water Supplies (Acting)
Mr Harry LAI Hon-chung, JP	Deputy Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services (Regulatory Services)

Clerk in attendance:

Ms Doris LO	Chief Council Secretary (1)2
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Staff in attendance:

Miss Rita YUNG	Senior Council Secretary (1)2
Ms Christina SHIU	Legislative Assistant (1)2
Ms Christy YAU	Legislative Assistant (1)7
Ms Clara LO	Legislative Assistant (1)8

Action

The Chairman advised that there was only one item on the agenda for the meeting, i.e. briefing by the Administration on the forecast of submissions for the 2017-2018 legislative session for the Subcommittee's consideration.

Briefing on forecast of submissions for the 2017-18 Legislative Council Session**PWSCI(2017-18)5 — Forecast of submissions for the 2017-18 Legislative Council Session**

2. The Chairman advised that the Administration had provided the Subcommittee earlier with an information note [PWSCI\(2017-18\)5](#), giving an overview of the listed 92 capital works projects submitted or forecast to be submitted to the Subcommittee in the 2017-2018 legislative session. The Clerk would circulate the project list to relevant Legislative Council ("LegCo") Panels for Panel members to indicate which projects would require detailed discussion at the relevant Panels before the related funding proposals were submitted to the Subcommittee. The Clerk would relay the Panels' views to the Administration so that appropriate consultation arrangements could be made.

3. At the invitation of the Chairman, Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)3 ("DS(Tsy)3/FSTB") briefed members on the information note. He said that among the capital works projects set out in the paper, nine were items carried over from 2016-2017 (as at the meeting on 8 January 2018, the Subcommittee had endorsed seven of these items), one was a funding proposal for block allocations under the Capital Works Reserve Fund, four were proposals to increase the approved project estimates ("APEs") of projects, while the other 78 were funding proposals for new works projects. These 80-odd projects pending submission involved a total funding of more than \$130 billion.

4. DS(Tsy)3/FSTB further said that the above project list was compiled with the best projection the Government could make at the time. However, the timing for submitting the funding proposals of individual projects was determined by a host of factors, including the progress of the preparatory work for the projects, the outcome of consultation with relevant Panels, and the progress made by the Subcommittee in scrutinizing the project items. Members might make enquiries with the relevant bureaux and works departments at meetings, and continue to follow up with the departments after meetings. It was hoped that such arrangements could help shorten the scrutiny time of individual project items at Subcommittee meetings in future.

5. Ms Tanya CHAN and Mr YIU Si-wing enquired whether it was an established practice of the Subcommittee to hold special meetings to discuss the Administration's forecast of submissions for a legislative session. Mr LEUNG Che-cheung enquired whether this special meeting was held to enable members to have a preliminary understanding of the projects or to express their views on them.

6. The Chairman explained that since the 2001-2002 legislative session, the Administration had been providing the Subcommittee with a list setting out the capital works projects forecast to be submitted for consideration every year to enable members to have a preliminary view on these projects. In the past, the Subcommittee either included the relevant item in the agendas of its regular meetings or held special meetings so that members could make enquiries with government officials on listed projects. However, the Chairman reiterated that the agenda item did not involve any funding requests, and hence there were not any questions which required to be put to vote.

7. Mr YIU Si-wing noticed that in the information note, each project was only assigned a broad category for its indicative cost, which was below \$200 million, \$200 million - \$500 million, or above \$500 million. He suggested that the Administration should set out more specifically the cost estimates of each project.

8. Mr LEUNG Che-cheung enquired whether the Administration would submit funding proposals to the Subcommittee according to the order by which the projects were set out on the list. DS(Tsy)3/FSTB explained that the order of the projects as shown on the list was determined by responsible bureau and target contract start date. As explained above, the Government would decide when to submit the relevant funding proposals to the Subcommittee having regard to factors such as the progress of the preparatory work for individual works projects.

9. Mr CHU Hoi-dick enquired whether the respective target contract start dates of the listed projects were related to the dates of their submission to the Subcommittee as planned by the Administration. The Chairman advised that as far as he understood, the Administration must obtain the relevant funding approval of the Finance Committee ("FC") prior to the target contract start date in order to bring the project contract into force. As for how long before the contract start date the Administration should obtain the relevant funding approval, it would largely depend on the length of the tendering period of the project.

Concerns raised by members on individual projects

Four projects on increasing the approved project estimates

10. Mr KWONG Chun-yu enquired about the amount of additional funding involved in the four projects which sought to increase APEs. Mr LEUNG Che-cheung enquired whether the Administration would submit

the four projects for consideration by the Subcommittee as a priority.

11. DS(Tsy)3/FSTB responded that the four works projects were 5045CG (District Cooling System at the Kai Tak Development), 6061TR (Shatin to Central Link ("SCL") – construction of railway works – remaining works), 6062TR (SCL — construction of non-railway works — remaining works), and 8003QR (Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge ("HZMB") — funding support for Main Bridge). As the amounts of increase in the APEs of the four works projects had yet to be confirmed, the Government was unable to provide an accurate estimate at this stage. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen was concerned about cost overruns in two of the above SCL-related projects.

8003QR - Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge — funding support for Main Bridge

12. Ms Tanya CHAN enquired when the Administration would submit the funding proposal for increasing the APE of the HZMB Main Bridge project to the Subcommittee for consideration, and about the amount of funding involved. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen raised a similar question.

13. Mr LEUNG Che-cheung enquired when HZMB would be opened, and whether its opening would be affected if FC could not approve the additional funding before the opening date. Mr LEUNG also enquired whether the Administration would consult the Panel on Transport before submitting the application for additional funding to the Subcommittee and FC for consideration.

14. Director of Highways ("DHy") replied that according to the Administration's understanding, the cost overrun of the HZMB Main Bridge project was around RMB 10 billion, while the contribution from Hong Kong was expected to be around RMB 2 billion. However, the remaining balance of the original provision for the Main Bridge project approved by FC had yet to be confirmed, and the Hong Kong side had to seek information on the cost overrun from the HZMB Authority and the relevant Mainland authorities. As such, the Administration would confirm the amount of the remaining balance and consolidate the information on cost overrun in respect of the HZMB Main Bridge project before consulting the Panel on Transport on the proposal to seek additional funding. Then the proposal would be submitted to the Subcommittee and FC for consideration. DHy further said that the works progress of the HZMB Main Bridge project would not be affected by the time required for scrutinizing and approving the additional funding. He also said that the commissioning date of HZMB, which had yet to be fixed, would be ascertained by the Central Task Force.

15. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen enquired when the Administration would work out the remaining balance of the funding for the Main Bridge project and obtain the information on cost overrun from Mainland authorities, in order to submit the proposal for additional funding to the Subcommittee and FC for consideration.

16. DHy said that while the Administration could work out the remaining balance of the Main Bridge project funding within a relatively short time, it was still required to obtain information on the cost overrun of the project from Mainland authorities in order to fully grasp the actual cost overrun figures before submitting the proposal for additional funding to the Subcommittee and FC.

3034NM - Installation of air-conditioning system at Tai Wai Market

17. Mr CHU Hoi-dick noted that regarding the project of installing air-conditioning system at Tai Wai Market, the target contract start date was in the fourth quarter of 2018. Mr CHU urged the Administration to submit the relevant funding proposal early, so as to allow members to make timely improvement recommendations before the contract came into force.

18. Director of Architectural Services ("DArchS") responded that the Administration planned to submit the funding proposal for installing air-conditioning system at Tai Wai Market to the Subcommittee and FC within the current legislative session. The works were expected to commence in the fourth quarter of 2018 upon FC's funding approval and completion of the tendering process. DS(Tsy)3/FSTB reiterated that while the Government would submit works projects to the Subcommittee for consideration expeditiously, the order of submission hinged on a number of factors. As the Subcommittee had completed scrutiny of a number of projects carried over from the last session, the Administration would submit new projects one after another for consideration by the Subcommittee.

19. Mr Wilson OR requested the Administration to provide information on the arrangement of installing air-conditioning system at Shui Wo Street Market, Kwun Tong, and explain why the project was not included as one of the potential capital works projects to be submitted for consideration in the 2017-2018 legislative session. The Administration undertook to provide the relevant information after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The supplementary information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide [LC Paper No. PWSC89/17-18\(01\)](#) on 26 January 2018.)

3794CL - The demolition of existing superstructures at Caroline Hill Road site, Causeway Bay

20. Mr KWONG Chun-yu requested the Administration to explain why it had included the project on the demolition of existing superstructures at the Caroline Hill Road site in Causeway Bay under the list of projects to be submitted to the Subcommittee for consideration while the rezoning application of the site had not been approved by the Town Planning Board ("TPB") and consultation with the local District Council ("DC") on the latest proposal of the future use of the site had not been conducted.

21. DS(Tsy)3/FSTB responded that the Subcommittee had commenced deliberation on the plan to demolish the existing superstructures at the Caroline Hill Road site at its last meeting in the last legislative session held on 4 July 2017. However, as the deliberation could not be completed at the meeting, the item had to be carried over to the current legislative session in order to continue the discussion.

5751CL - Planning and engineering study on Sunny Bay reclamation

22. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen enquired when the Administration would submit the funding proposal for the planning and engineering ("P&E") study on Sunny Bay reclamation to the Subcommittee for consideration, and whether consultation would be conducted afresh on the project with the Panel on Development.

23. Director of Civil Engineering and Development ("DCED") said that the Administration had consulted the Panel on Development on the P&E study on Sunny Bay reclamation in February and March 2017. The Administration was following up on the comments raised by Panel members at the meetings and reviewing how those comments could be incorporated in the scope of study. The relevant funding proposal was expected to be submitted to the Subcommittee for consideration within the current session.

24. Mr YIU Si-wing enquired whether the Administration had any directional proposals on how the land created by the proposed Sunny Bay reclamation would be used in future, or it would make a decision only after completing the reclamation project and consulting the public on the use of the site concerned.

25. DCED responded that the preliminary proposal of the Administration was to use the land created by the proposed Sunny Bay reclamation for leisure, entertainment and tourism development. The Administration would

explore the use of the reclaimed site under the P&E study and would consult the public on the reclamation proposal.

8029QW - Revitalisation Scheme — Revitalisation of No. 12 School Street into Tai Hang Fire Dragon Heritage Centre

26. Mr YIU Si-wing enquired about the project cost estimate of revitalizing No. 12 School Street into Tai Hang Fire Dragon Heritage Centre, and whether the Administration had plans to submit the funding proposals for other revitalization projects within the current session apart from the one for the above revitalization project for consideration by the Subcommittee.

27. Commissioner for Heritage, Development Bureau, said that the Administration had consulted the Panel on Development on the revitalization of No. 12 School Street into Tai Hang Fire Dragon Heritage Centre in October 2017. The estimated project cost was about \$42.3 million. Apart from the revitalization project on School Street, there were two other projects, namely the revitalization of Lady Ho Tung Welfare Centre into Lady Ho Tung Welfare Centre Eco-Learn Institute and Old Dairy Farm Senior Staff Quarters into the Pokfulam Farm, under batch IV of the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme. The Administration would submit the funding proposals for the three revitalization projects at the same time for consideration by the Subcommittee.

7163TB - Kwun Tong Town Centre Redevelopment — provision of grade-separated pedestrian linkages

28. Mr WU Chi-wai suggested that for the proposed footbridge across Hip Wo Street near the junction of Hip Wo Street/Mut Wah Street, the Administration should provide a set of escalators at the end section near Hip Wo Street/Mut Wah Street, so as to facilitate pedestrian flow at the location. DCED said that the suggestion of Mr WU would be duly considered.

8022EM - Development of new campus of Vocational Training Council at Kowloon East (Cha Kwo Ling)

29. Mr WU Chi-wai noted that the rezoning application of the site for the new campus of Vocational Training Council ("VTC") at Kowloon East (Cha Kwo Ling) was still awaiting TPB's approval. However, according to the list of projects to be submitted to the Subcommittee, the target contract start date of the development project of the new campus was in the third quarter of 2018. Mr WU enquired about the contract details and

whether the Administration would incur any loss if the contract could not commence on schedule.

30. Chief Technical Adviser (Subvented Projects) (Acting), Architectural Services Department ("Atg CTA(SP)/ArchSD"), responded that TPB was expected to make a decision on the rezoning application of the site for the new VTC campus at Kowloon East (Cha Kwo Ling) by the end of February 2018. The Education Bureau would consider the way forward of the project having regard to TPB's decision. He said that the target contract start date represented the Administration's best estimate at the time. The exact contract date and its implementation would be subject to the actual planning progress. As such, the Administration would not incur any contractual loss even if the contract could not commence by the target date.

8088MM - Redevelopment of Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital

31. Mr Wilson OR said that at its meeting in January 2018, Wong Tai Sin DC requested the Administration to take the opportunity of the redevelopment of Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital to enhance its services (e.g. 24-hour accident and emergency department services). He asked the Administration to explain how it would address the request of Wong Tai Sin DC when it consulted the Panel on Health Services on the redevelopment project in future. Atg CTA(SP)/ArchSD undertook that the views of Mr OR would be relayed to the relevant government departments after the meeting.

3467RO - Station Square at Kai Tak

32. Mr Jeremy TAM declared that he owned properties along the MTR SCL. He noted that the target contract start date of the project on Station Square at Kai Tak was in the fourth quarter of 2018. Given the residential intake of surrounding developments one after another and the scheduled opening of the Kai Tak Station of SCL in 2019, he requested the Administration to commence the project as soon as possible and enquired about the construction period concerned.

33. DArchS replied that the Administration expected to obtain FC's funding approval for the project on Station Square at Kai Tak in the current legislative session, followed immediately by the tendering process so that construction works would start in the fourth quarter of 2018. Given the large area of the project site and the interface with other projects in Kai Tak Development Area, it was expected that the construction works could only be completed in October 2022.

3275RS - Provision of heated pool at the Morse Park Swimming Pool Complex, Wong Tai Sin

34. Mr WU Chi-wai noted that the target contract start date of the project on the provision of heated pool at the Morse Park Swimming Pool Complex, Wong Tai Sin, was in the fourth quarter of 2018. Given that the project was a long-standing request of Wong Tai Sin DC and local residents, he urged the Administration to submit the related funding proposal to the Subcommittee for consideration as soon as possible to facilitate the early commencement of the works concerned. Mr Wilson OR also requested the Administration to commence expeditiously the modification works of the Morse Park Swimming Pool Complex.

35. DArchS responded that once the project funding was approved by FC, the Administration would commence the tendering process as soon as possible in order to take forward the construction works.

36. There being no further questions from members, the Chairman advised that the Subcommittee would consider the funding proposals of the works projects submitted by the Administration at the next meeting scheduled for 17 January 2018. The special meeting ended at 5:35 pm.

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