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Dear Ms Lo,

Re: Provision for Capital Works Reserve Fund Block Allocations in 2018-19
“Study for Strategy/Direction of Recreational Tourism Developments in Lantau”,
“Preliminary Feasibility Study of Cable Car System from Ngong Ping to Tai O”
and
“Preliminary Feasibility Study of Spa and Resort Development
at Cheung Sha and Soko Islands”

Thank you for your referral of the letter dated 22 January 2018 from the Legislative Council Member Hon CHU Hoi-dick addressed to the Secretary for Development, Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) and Chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee requesting for the supplementary information in connection with the application for Capital Works Reserve Fund block allocations in 2018-2019. The Development Bureau has looked into the issue and asked the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) to reply. Please find the reply as follows:

To assist on the formulation of strategic proposals on Lantau development,

[English Translation]

the CEDD undertook the above three studies. These three studies have been completed and the consultants are finalizing the final reports and executive summaries. We anticipate that all the relevant tasks will be completed in the first half of 2018.

The Government conducted public engagement exercise from January to April 2016 to consult the public on the strategy and planning of the Lantau development, including the preliminary proposals on the relevant recreational and tourism developments. Taking into account public views, suitable proposals had been incorporated in the "Sustainable Lantau Blueprint"¹ promulgated on 3 June 2017. We will then further explore these proposals in depth and study the feasibility of implementing these proposals.

There is no overlapping on the scope of the three studies. "Study for Strategy/Direction of Recreational Tourism Developments in Lantau" aims to formulate conceptual strategies and preliminary ideas for the recreational and tourism developments in Lantau. In case that the various recreational and tourism developments are brought forward in the future, detailed technical assessment and design should still be conducted to confirm the respective feasibility.

"Preliminary Feasibility Study of Cable Car System from Ngong Ping to Tai O" and "Preliminary Feasibility Study of Spa and Resort Development at Cheung Sha and Soko Islands" aim to assess the preliminary feasibility of these two proposals. The studies reveal that, from the technical perspective (including topographical, environmental and planning constraints, traffic and infrastructure requirements, economic environment and tourism demand, etc.), both the cable car system extending from Ngong Ping to Tai O and the spa and resort development at Cheung Sha and Soko Islands² are feasible. However, taking into account their financial viability and public views collected, we consider it inappropriate to take forward these two proposals at this stage.

In addition, during the public engagement exercise from January to April 2016, the Government received numerous opinions from the public and Lantau residents concerning the traffic and transport impacts brought about by Lantau development and the capacity to receive visitors in Lantau. Thus, the CEDD launched the "Study on Traffic, Transport and Capacity to Receive Visitors for

¹ "Sustainable Lantau Blueprint" can be downloaded from the following webpage: <http://www.lantau.gov.hk/>

² The study assumes that the spa proposals are to be developed and operated by the private sector.

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Lantau " in July 2017. The consultancy study mainly focuses on how to improve the traffic and transport connections in Lantau as well as the assessment of capacity to receive visitors. We anticipate that the study will be completed in early 2019.

Yours faithfully,

[Chinese version signed]

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