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Dear Ms LO,

Public Works Sub-committee

Inland Revenue Tower in Kai Tak Development

During the discussion of the item “122KA – Inland Revenue in Kai Tak Development” at the Public Works Sub-committee held on 19 March 2018, the Government was requested to provide supplementary information. Our reply is set out at Annex.

Yours sincerely,

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(Lawrence Li)
for Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

c.c. W Division (Attn: Ms Terri Kwong)

Annex

Inland Revenue Tower in Kai Tak Development

**Supplementary Information Requested by Members at
the Meeting on 19 March 2018**

At the meeting of the Public Works Sub-committee held on 19 March 2018, the Government was requested to provide the following information –

- (a) At the request of Hon KWOK Ka-ki, the Administration should provide supplementary information to explain whether it would install water dispensers in public venues of the Inland Revenue Tower (“IR Tower”) in Kai Tak Development; if so, of the details.
- (b) At the request of Hon KWOK Ka-ki, the Administration should provide supplementary information to explain whether it would provide motorcycle parking spaces in the new IR Tower; if so, of the details.
- (c) At the request of Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho, the Administration should provide supplementary information to explain whether it would provide bicycle parking spaces in the new IR Tower or nearby areas, so as to tally with the planning concept of the Kai Tak Development in creating a walkable and accessible environment; if so, of the details.
- (d) At the request of Hon Eddie CHU Hoi-dick, the Administration should provide supplementary information to set out the payback period of the proposed project’s photovoltaic system.

Installation of water dispensers in public venues

- 2. The Government will install water dispensers for visitors at appropriate spots in the lobbies on the ground floor and second floor of the new IR Tower, where there will be more visitors.

Motorcycle parking spaces

- 3. Under the original plan, the Government did not intend to provide motorcycle parking spaces in the new IR Tower. Taking into account Members’ opinion and its feasibility, the Government plans to provide three motorcycle parking spaces on the ground floor of the new IR Tower for use by IRD’s staff or visitors.

Bicycle parking spaces

4. Regarding the feasibility study of the cycle track network (including the proposed cycle track alignment and ancillary facilities such as bicycle parking spaces, etc.) in the Kai Tak Development, the Civil Engineering and Development Department in conjunction with the Leisure and Cultural Services Department consulted the relevant committees of the Kowloon City, Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong District Councils, the Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development and cycling organisations concerned in September and October 2017, and received general support. The cycle tracks of the Kai Tak Development are mainly located in the public open space for leisure and recreational activities. Under the current planning of the cycle track network, the new IR Tower will not be connected to the cycle track. Therefore, the Government has no plan to provide bicycle parking spaces in the new IR Tower at this stage. We understand Members' concern and if there are changes in the development of the cycle tracks in the future, we will consider providing an appropriate number of bicycle parking spaces in the new IR Tower accordingly.

Payback period of the photovoltaic system

5. Consideration of payback period is only relevant to energy-efficient building installations as the primary objective of the latter is to reduce energy consumption. As stated in the reply submitted on 5 February 2018, the payback period is not the sole benchmark for measuring the benefits of renewable energy (RE) systems, because some values are difficult to quantify and there is currently no systematic method to calculate them. These values include the benefits to the environment and air quality due to the reduced reliance on electricity generated from fossil fuels and the reduced social costs arising from less pollution. The photovoltaic system concerned will also help combat climate change. For example, the savings in electricity output will reduce carbon dioxide emission by about 7.6 metric tons per year, which is equivalent to the amount of carbon dioxide reduced by planting 330 trees.

6. Moreover, the actual energy generated by a photovoltaic system will vary depending on the environment, weather, solar irradiance level and installation details (such as adjustments to the panel inclination angle due to physical constraints in the vicinity, etc.). All these factors will affect the estimation of the payback period. After considering the issue in totality, the Government decides to install RE systems in the proposed project to implement the Government's policy on green buildings.