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Dear Ms LAU,

**Panel on Transport**  
**Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways**  
**Special meeting on 13 July 2018**

**Supplementary Information**

At the special meeting of the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways on 13 July 2018, some Members requested the Government/the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) to provide supplementary information on issues relating to the alleged substandard steel works at Hung Hom Station under the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) project. Our replies are as follows:

- (a) **apart from the diaphragm wall and platform slab construction works in question, details of other construction works included under Contract No. 1112 of the SCL project of the MTRCL;**
- (b) **the percentage of the construction works mentioned in item (a) above in the overall contract amount of Contract No. 1112;**

Please refer to the reply from MTRCL at **Annex**.

- (c) the number of times for which the Government had refused to make payment to the contractor Leighton Contractors (Asia) Limited (Leighton) due to insufficient information provided in the relevant certificate submitted by MTRCL pursuant to the Entrustment Agreement; and**
- (d) whether the Government would continue to pay construction works fee to Leighton in accordance with the certificate to be submitted by MTRCL.**

The MTRCL was entrusted by the Government to design, construct and commission the SCL project. According to the Entrustment Agreement on the SCL project signed between the MTRCL and the Government, the Highways Department is responsible for monitoring and verifying the payment certificate submitted by the MTRCL. In this connection, the Highways Department, with the assistance of its Monitoring and Verification Consultant, strictly examines the justification submitted by the MTRCL for each item of payment for the construction. In respect of the SCL Contract No. 1112, there were 37 occasions when the Highways Department found the payment certificate inappropriate during verification and requested the MTRCL to provide supplementary information. After the MTRCL submitted the supplementary information and corrected the payment certificate, the Highways Department reviewed again before agreeing to effect the payment.

Yours sincerely,

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Follow-up actions**

**Supplementary Information**

The MTR Corporation (MTRCL) stated that apart from the diaphragm wall and platform slab construction works, other construction works under Contract No. 1112 - Hung Hom Station and Stabling Sidings under the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) project include, but not limited to:

- (i) Other works in Hung Hom Station extension including architectural builder's work and finishes, building services, stormwater drains and cooling mains diversion;
- (ii) Hung Hom Station North Approach Tunnels construction works;
- (iii) Hung Hom Station South Approach Tunnels construction works;
- (iv) Hung Hom Stabling Sidings construction works;
- (v) Hung Hom Station concourse modification;
- (vi) Other works, including cooling tower and external works, Cheong Wan Road flyover diversion, sewer diversion and box culvert diversion etc; and
- (vii) Part of barging facility, site clearance and monitoring.

MTRCL stated that the construction works as mentioned in (i) to (vii) above is about 65% of the overall contract amount of Contract No. 1112.

**MTR Corporation  
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