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(Attn: Ms Doris LO)

Dear Ms LO,

Public Works Subcommittee
360EP – First 30-classroom primary school at Queen's Hill, Fanling
361EP – Second 30-classroom primary school at Queen's Hill, Fanling

Response to the enquiries from the Hon CHU Hoi-dick

The written enquiries raised by Hon CHU Hoi-dick on matters related to the captioned works projects were received by this Bureau on 11 December 2018. In consultation with relevant government departments, the consolidated reply is set out below.

1. Public Sector School Places

Starting from the Primary One Admission (POA) 2014 (i.e. for admission to Primary One in September 2014), EDB has implemented the revised arrangements for the Central Allocation under the POA System. In brief, cross-boundary students (CBS) are provided with a separate Choice of Schools List, as if they are provided with a "dedicated school net" for the

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Central Allocation stage. It consists of all schools in the eight School Nets close to the boundary control points (i.e. Tuen Mun : 70 (Tuen Mun West), 71 (Tuen Mun East); Yuen Long : 72 (Tin Shui Wai), 74 (Yuen Long East); the North District : 80 (Sheung Shui), 81 (Fanling), 83 (Sha Tau Kok); Tai Po : 84) and individual schools in other districts having CBS which are ready and willing to support CBS by providing some places for choices to CBS with a view to diverting the CBS to other districts as appropriate. The tight supply of school places of individual districts (in particular the North District) arising from the impact of CBS in the past has been alleviated. With the effect of "Type II children" having diminished following the implementation of the "zero quota" policy in 2013, the total number of applicant children residing in the Mainland applying for Discretionary Places in POA 2019 is 1 079, which is 2 168 (about 70%) less than that of the same period last year.

Under the existing POA System, parents may choose any schools without restriction over school nets / districts at both the Discretionary Places Admission stage and Part A - Unrestricted School Choices of the Central Allocation stage. Under Part B - Restricted School Choices of the Central Allocation stage, all applicant children residing in the North District were allocated with school places in the North District in the past few years. Our proposal to construct two new aided primary schools at the Queen's Hill has taken into account the growing demand for public sector primary school places in the North District (including the needs from the planned population at the Queen's Hill public housing development), as well as the projected demand and supply situation of the District.

2. Proposed Public Transport Terminal at Queen's Hill

According to the Housing Department (HD), the Queen's Hill Public Transport Terminal (PTT) to be located adjacent to the schools concerned will only serve public franchised buses. It will provide four passenger pick-up bays and two passenger drop-off bays. The highest design traffic flow during peak hours is approximately 60 shifts per hour. The actual daily traffic flow will be subject to the public transport arrangements to be determined by the Transport Department in future in light of the population intake of the Queen's Hill Development Project.

The Queen's Hill PTT is designed with a roof, which is about 18 to 28 meters above the ground of the adjacent schools. The wall facing the schools does not have any exhaust vents. HD has engaged an environmental consultancy firm to conduct environmental assessment study on the proposed Queen's Hill Public Housing Development, including the PTT concerned, and the report has been submitted to the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) for approval. According to the findings of the environmental assessment study, the anticipated air quality meets the air quality requirements as stipulated in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines.

In addition, HD has designed the mechanical ventilation system for the proposed PTT in accordance with the guidelines and requirements set out in the Practice Note for Professional Persons on "Control of Air Pollution in Semi-Confined Public Transport Interchanges" (ProPECC PN1/98) issued by EPD to ensure that the concerned airborne contaminants (including Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂), Carbon Monoxide (CO) and Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂)) in the PTT meet the requirements of the Practice Note. Hence, the proposed Queen's Hill PTT will not impose negative impact on the environment of the adjacent schools.

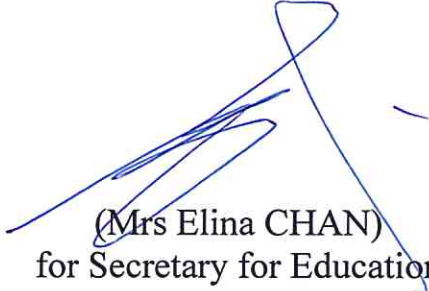
3. Photovoltaic Panel on rooftop of the two proposed schools at Queen's Hill

The teaching facilities required for the two proposed schools will be located on other floors. No teaching activities will be arranged on the roof of the two school buildings. In addition to the greening works and solar photovoltaic panels, the roofs will also house electrical and mechanical equipment. Schools may participate in the Feed-in Tariff (FiT) Scheme launched by the power companies having regard to their individual circumstances. According to the relevant guidelines issued by this Bureau, the profit of the FiT Scheme (if any) should be credited to the schools' general funds account and used for purposes directly benefiting the students of the schools. Schools are not allowed to distribute the income arising from the FiT Scheme to third parties (including the school sponsoring body) in any forms, including donations or loans.

Separately, the Government updated the circular on Green Government

Buildings in 2017 to enhance the target of the use of renewable energy (RE) in government buildings, including upgrading the target of electricity consumption for general power and lighting powered by RE in new schools and educational buildings from 1% to 1.5%, and allocating at least 10% of available roof space in new government buildings to incorporate RE technologies of appropriate scale. Relevant departments will review the content of the aforementioned circular from time to time, having regard to its implementation.

Yours sincerely,



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