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Mr. Anthony Chu Clerk to Public Accounts Committee Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central Hong Kong

Dear Sirs,

Public Accounts Committee Consideration of Chapter 1 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 72 <u>Planning, Provision and Management of Public Parking Spaces</u>

We refer to your letter of 4 June 2019 and set out below actions and plans taken by Government Property Agency (GPA) in respect of dissemination of parking vacancy information concerning car parks under GPA's purview:

(i) The actions taken by GPA in respect of dissemination of parking vacancy information and the outcome after the meeting

At the meeting held in mid-February 2019 with Transport Department (TD) regarding the dissemination of car park information via Internet, the Agency explained that the mode of operation of GPA's car parks was different from those of government public car parks managed by TD in that there were government staff using a considerable portion of the parking spaces concurrently; the parking spaces open for public use were located at positions mixed with the reserved spaces; and the car parks were not equipped with automated device to check and count the number of vacant parking spaces. Some of these constraints were uncommon to the type of car park managed by TD.

The Agency provided TD in March 2019 with information of 12 public carparks managed by GPA which were let out to car park operators after office hours. The information contain addresses of the public car parks, names and contact telephone numbers of operators, websites (if any), headroom restrictions, types and number of parking spaces, number of parking spaces for the disabled, types and number of electric vehicle chargers, operation hours and fee. The Agency has also encouraged car park operators to provide parking vacancy information to TD when they are in a position to do so, despite the absence of contractual requirements for such arrangement.

(ii) <u>Plans for GPA to provide further parking vacancy information to TD, including timeframe</u> and details of these plans

In the new public car park in Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point which is expected to complete in the next few months, the Agency will introduce an online booking system and provide real-time vacancy information to TD's "HKeMobility" mobile application.

For existing car parks, the Agency is collaborating with other departments to explore the technical feasibility and cost-effectiveness of installing suitable devices, with a view to effectively disseminating real-time parking vacancy information via TD's "HKeMobility" mobile application. Priority will be given to those car parks which have a large number of parking spaces and where utilisation is high. Before the implementation of such an arrangement, the Agency will require car park operators to inform TD whether their car parks are full when the new contract of the existing car parks commences. A list of car parks which will adopt such an arrangement in the next 12 months is set out at <u>Annex</u>.

Yours faithfully,

(John LAI) for Government Property Administrator

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Car Park Managed by the Government Property Agency

	Government Car Parks
1	Revenue Tower (5 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, HK)
	Wanchai Tower (12 Harbour Road, Wan Chai, HK)
	Immigration Tower (7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, HK)
2	Tuen Mun Government Offices (1 Tuen Hi Road, Tuen Mun)
3	Tai Po Government Offices (1 Ting Kok Road, Tai Po)
4	Chai Wan Municipal Services Building (338 Chai Wan Road, Chai Wan)
5	Shun Lee Disciplined Services Quarters (32 Lee On Road, Kwun Tong)