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Dear Ms LAU,

**Request for an early discussion on the arrangement of
the commissioning of the Shatin to Central Link**

We refer to the letter from the Council Business Division of the Legislative Council Secretariat to this Bureau dated 12 November 2018 conveying a request by Hon LUK Chung-hung for the discussion at the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways about the arrangement of the commissioning of Shatin to Central Link (“SCL”) as early as possible. Our reply is as follows:

In the light of the recent incident relating to construction of the platform

slab of the Hung Hom Station Extension of the SCL and the associated investigation (including the on-going hearing being conducted by the Commission of Inquiry), the Government needs more time to verify the facts and the circumstances of the works involved. Therefore, the target commissioning date of “Tai Wai to Hung Hom Section” (which was originally scheduled for commissioning in mid-2019) of the SCL has to be reviewed.

We have requested the MTR Corporation Limited (“MTRCL”) to study the feasibility on the partial commissioning of some stations and sections of “Tai Wai to Hung Hom Section” of the SCL. Since the proposal involves a multiplicity of complicated technical and railway operational issues, it will take time for the MTRCL to consider the matter in detail. The Government will discuss with the MTRCL at appropriate times and there is no decision made at this stage.

Yours sincerely,

[Chinese version signed]

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