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Dear Ms LAU

**Panel on Transport**  
**Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways**  
**Meeting on 3 March 2020**  
**Supplementary Information Related to Shatin to Central Link Project**

Thank you for your e-mail of 3 March 2020. We provide for your reference the following supplementary information about the follow-up actions in relation to Shatin to Central Link (SCL) project raised at the meeting of Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways held on the same date.

**(a) Practical measures for the target completion of suitable measures at Hung Hom Station Extension by mid-2020; and the contingency plan in case of delays**

The execution of suitable measures commenced in October 2019. The suitable measures at the Hung Hom Stabling Sidings were substantially

completed in January 2020. The suitable measures at the Hung Hom Station Extension and the South Approach Tunnel are underway in accordance with the site supervision plan. At present, about 56% of the measures have been fully taken. The remaining measures are expected to be taken in three months' time for completion by mid-2020. The MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) has deployed a dedicated supervisory team on site. The Highways Department (HyD) has taken the measures below to strengthen the monitoring of the implementation of the remaining works of SCL by MTRCL (including the suitable measures at Hung Hom Station Extension):

- (i) deployed experienced, resident works inspectors for routine and close monitoring;
- (ii) increased site inspection and audit checks by the Monitoring and Verification consultant, and strengthened the arrangement of surprise checks;
- (iii) reviewed non-conformance reports issued by MTRCL under each works contract, and requested MTRCL to report the statistics of non-conformance reports and the follow-up actions at the monthly Project Supervision Committee meetings; and
- (iv) followed up the progress of the digitalization of construction records taken forward by the MTRCL at the monthly Project Supervision Committee meetings.

**(b) Whether the residents in To Kwa Wan area affected by the delay of SCL works would be compensated**

Tuen Ma Line Phase 1, including the three new stations, viz. Hin Keng Station, Diamond Hill Station Extension and Kai Tak Station was, commissioned on 14 February 2020. To encourage more passengers to travel with Tuen Ma Line Phase 1, the MTRCL introduced “Hin Keng / Kai Tak Station Fare Discount”. Adult Octopus holders can save \$1 when travelling on MTR domestic and cross-boundary journeys by entering or exiting at Hin Keng or Kai Tak Stations, whilst other Octopus holders (including children, elderly, persons with disabilities and students) will enjoy a \$0.5 fare discount.

To widely benefit those outside the coverage of Tuen Ma Line Phase 1, the MTRCL introduced a “Special Interchange Discount” in collaboration with operators of green minibuses (“GMBs”) and franchised buses. During the promotional period, Adult Octopus users interchanging between designated MTR

stations and four GMB and 18 franchised bus routes can enjoy a \$1 fare discount, while other Octopus holders (including children, elderly, persons with disabilities and students) can save \$0.5. Some of the routes with “Special Interchange Discount” serve To Kwa Wan area.

The two promotions mentioned above will last until the full commissioning of Tuen Ma Line. Please refer to the paper submitted by the MTRCL to LegCo Panel on Transport in January 2020 (LC Paper No. CB(4)271/19-20(01)) for details.

The MTRCL will continue to explore different types of fare concessions for passengers at the full commissioning of Tuen Ma Line.

**(c) Cost breakdown (a total of about \$2 billion) for the suitable measures at Hung Hom Station Extension and the partial commissioning of Tuen Ma Line**

The Government considers that the MTRCL should be responsible for any expenditures related to the Hung Hom Station Extension incident and its related events. Therefore, the revised entrustment cost estimate does not include such expenses. A separate response will be made by the MTRCL.

Yours sincerely,

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