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(Attn.: Ms. Anita SIT)

31 December 2020

Dear Ms. SIT,

Legislative Council Finance Committee
Follow-up actions in relation to the meeting on 11 December 2020

At the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 11 December 2020, Members requested the Government to submit supplementary information on agenda item “Strategic Studies on Railways and Major Roads beyond 2030”. Having consulted the Highways Department (“HyD”), we set out at **Annex** the relevant supplementary information.

Yours sincerely,

(Kenny C.M. OR)

for Secretary for Transport and Housing

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Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Attn.: Ms. Anita MAK)
Director of Highways (Attn.: Mr. Robert CHAN)

**Legislative Council Finance Committee
Strategic Studies on Railways and Major Roads beyond 2030
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The latest planning progress of East Kowloon Line proposed under Railway Development Strategy 2014

Railway projects involve substantial capital investment, thus requiring prudent planning by the Government. The implementation details of each project would also be contingent upon the detailed engineering and financial studies in the detailed planning stage.

2. Given that the proposed alignment of East Kowloon Line (EKL) is within a hilly terrain, it was anticipated in the Railway Development Strategy 2014 that the works would be subject to considerable technical difficulties, while the actual level of difficulty could only be ascertained upon further assessments.

3. The Transport and Housing Bureau, the Highways Department and the relevant bureaux/departments have offered comments on the EKL proposal submitted by the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) and requested MTRCL to improve the technical design in the proposal, including further assessments on the nearby environment and other factors. The Government have requested MTRCL to expedite the study and will closely monitor the progress to ensure that the proposal is practically feasible and can bring maximum benefits to the community. The relevant study is under way. Upon completion of all the details of a feasible proposal, the Government will consult the public, including the Legislative Council and the relevant District Councils, at once.

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