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**Public Works Subcommittee of the Finance Committee
of the Legislative Council**

**Minutes of the 12th meeting
held at the Legislative Council Chamber
on Wednesday, 19 April 2000, at 10:45 am**

Members present:

Hon HO Sai-chu, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon CHAN Yuen-han
Hon CHAN Kam-lam
Hon Gary CHENG Kai-nam, JP
Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP

Members absent:

Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, JP
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon Edward HO Sing-tin, SBS, JP
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP
Prof Hon NG Ching-fai
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon Christine LOH
Dr Hon LEONG Che-hung, JP
Hon SIN Chung-kai

Hon WONG Yung-kan
Hon LAU Kong-wah
Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-yee, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
HON TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Dr HON TANG Siu-tong, JP

Public officers attending:

Miss Elizabeth TSE	Deputy Secretary for the Treasury
Mr H K WONG, JP	Secretary for Works
Mr Gordon SIU, JP	Secretary for Planning and Lands
Mr Rob LAW, JP	Director of Environmental Protection
Mr James HERD	Principal Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Works)
Mr Hugh PHILLIPSON, JP	Director of Water Supplies
Mr LEUNG Mang-chiu	Assistant Director (New Works), Water Supplies Department
Mr LEUNG Kwok-sun, JP	Director of Highways
Mr H W TIN	Principal Assistant Secretary for Housing (Project Management)
Mr K S CHAN	Regional Highways Engineer/Hong Kong, Highways Department
Mr C W KWAN	Chief Traffic Engineer (Hong Kong) Transport Department
Mr C H YUE	Director of Territory Development
Mr S C LO	Project Manager, Hong Kong Island and Islands Development Office, Territory Development Department

Clerk in attendance:

Miss Polly YEUNG Chief Assistant Secretary (1)3

Staff in attendance:

Ms Pauline NG	Assistant Secretary General 1
Mrs Eleanor LAM	Senior Assistant Secretary (1)2
Ms Anita SIT	Senior Assistant Secretary (1)8

PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME

Upgrading of projects to Category A

HEAD 709 - WATERWORKS

PWSC(2000-01)2 204WF Water supply to remaining remote villages in the New Territories

The item was voted on and endorsed.

PWSC(2000-01)6 227WF Mainlaying between Au Tau treatment works and Yuen Long Town - remaining works

2. The item was voted on and endorsed.

HEAD 711 - HOUSING

PWSC(2000-01)7 131TB Footbridge across Wong Chuk Hang Road near Aberdeen Sports Ground

3. Mr Gary CHENG Kai-nam was concerned that pedestrians might not use the footbridge and enquired if the design of the project had included facilities to prevent jay-walking on the road beneath. In response, the Director of Highway (D of Hy) advised that in view of the high-speed traffic flow, road dividers would be erected along Wong Chuk Hang Road. He also confirmed that the existing traffic lights would be removed and the footbridge would become pedestrians' only means to cross the road.

4. Noting that a lift would be provided at each end of the footbridge, Miss CHAN Yuen-han asked if consideration had also been given to providing escalators for the use of disabled persons. In response, D of Hy advised that disabled persons on wheel chair might have difficulty in using an escalator. Hence, the provision of lifts was considered more viable for disabled users.

5. Whilst supporting the provision of lifts which would be convenient for pedestrians, Mr CHAN Kam-lam expressed concern about their high maintenance cost and asked if an estimate had been made on the utilization rate of the footbridge by disabled persons. D of Hy explained

that in normal circumstances, an access ramp would be provided for use by disabled persons. However, because of space constraints, it was necessary to cut into a slope at the northern end and intrude into a small part of the Aberdeen Sports Ground at the southern end to make way for the proposed footbridge. To minimize the space required, lifts, which would be in operation around the clock, would be provided instead of access ramps. D of Hy further pointed out that although it was not possible to estimate the utilization of the footbridge by disabled persons, it was still necessary to provide access facilities for them. As to the estimated maintenance cost, the Regional Highways Engineer/Hong Kong advised that of the annual recurrent expenditure of some \$266,000 arising from the works, \$75,000 would be for the maintenance of the lifts chargeable to the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department.

6. The item was voted on and endorsed.

Revision in the approved project estimate of a Category A project

Head 707 - New Towns and Urban Area Development

**PWSC(2000-01)9 112CL Peng Chau development, package
3 - design and stage 1 engineering
works**

7. Noting that the Director of Planning had completed the review on land use at Peng Chau in mid-1992, the Chairman enquired about the reasons for the long period taken to complete the preparatory work and statutory procedures for the project. In reply, the Directory of Territory Development (DTD) advised that a substantial proportion of the project had been completed. The outstanding works included the reclamation and site formation of about 1.4 hectares of land at Peng Chau North together with the associated roads and drainage works to provide an industrial site for the relocation of an existing pipe factory at Peng Chau. However, soon after the commencement of the relevant works contract in April 1991, the factory ceased operation. Given this development, the Administration considered that the industrial site might not be necessary and thus withheld related works and undertook a review of the Peng Chau North Layout Plan. D of Plan completed the review in mid-1992, and recommended that the sites originally zoned for industrial use at Peng Chau North be re-zoned for "residential", "Government, institute and community" and "comprehensive development area" uses. As a property developer had bought the pipe factory site, the Administration commenced negotiation in 1994 with the developer on the proposed changes in land use and the feasibility of entrusting the remaining

reclamation and site formation works to the developer in conjunction with the latter's development project. In late 1995, the developer decided not to pursue the development project. The Administration decided in 1996 that the planned development at Peng Chau North should be proceeded with, and thus engaged consultants to undertake detailed design and other preparatory work and to take the project through the various statutory procedures under relevant Ordinances. The detailed design and the required statutory procedures for the project had now been completed for advancement to the construction stage. Subject to funding approval, the Administration planned to start the works later this year.

8. In reply to Miss CHAN Yuen-han's enquiry about the designed width of the proposed waterfront promenade at Peng Chau North, DTD advised that the designed width was 16 metres. Miss CHAN considered this width acceptable for a promenade in this area.

9. The item was voted on and endorsed.

10. The meeting ended at 11:07 am.

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