NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Supplementary Information on Block allocations Subheads 1100CA and 3101GX

INTRODUCTION

At the Public Works Subcommittee meeting held on 10 January 2001, Members considered the proposed annual allocations for 2001-02 for various existing block allocations covered in the paper referenced PWSC(2000-01)81. In response to Members' queries, the Administration undertook to provide supplementary information on the following -

- (a) breakdown of estimates for land acquisition items under **Subhead 1100CA** Compensation and ex-gratia allowances in respect of projects in the Public Works Programme; and
- (b) basis of the estimate for a proposed public toilet at Lo Wai Road, Tsuen Wan under Subhead 3101GX -Minor building works for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

Subhead 1100CA

2. The proposed allocation for **Subhead 1100CA** for 2001-02 is \$4,337 million. The rough allocation for "Compensation" and "Ex-gratia allowances" purposes is \$1,443 million and \$2,894 million respectively. With regard to the four planned land resumption items in North Lantau, which Members flagged up during the discussion on 10 January 2001, the breakdown of their estimated resumption costs is as follows -

	Compensation \$'000	Ex-gratia allowances \$'000	Total \$'000
(a) Site formation, construction of associated infrastructure and provision of government, institution and community (GIC) facilities for an international theme park on Lantau Island, Chok Kok Wan Link Road and associated works in North Lantau		945,472	1,538,172
(b) Site formation, construction of associated infrastructure and provision of GIC facilities for an international theme park on Lantau Island - Construction of drainage channel and associated works at Penny's Bay		311,752	485,852
(c) Site formation, construction of associated infrastructure and provision of GIC facilities for an international theme park on Lantau Island - Construction of Water Recreation Centre and associated works at Penny's Bay		234,606	433,606
(d) Penny's Bay Reclamation - Stage I	230,000	0	230,000

Subhead 3101GX

3. The proposed public toilet at Lo Wai Road, Tsuen Wan is still at preliminary feasibility study stage. The Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (DFEH) is considering details of the project, including its suitable location and size. Subject to the outcome, the Director of Architectural Services

(D Arch S), being the works director of the project, will consult the departments concerned on the feasibility of drainage connection and diversion of underground services, and the necessity of implementing environmental protective measures. D Arch S considers the estimated cost at \$14.5 million for the proposed toilet a prudent and reasonable one at this juncture having regard to the site conditions and uncertainties that might be experienced.

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