

NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Supplementary information on 25NM – Retro-fitting of air-conditioning and general improvement works at Shek Wu Hui Cooked Food Centre, Sheung Shui

INTRODUCTION

In considering the paper referenced PWSC(2004-05)34 on the above project on 23 June 2004, the Public Works Subcommittee requested the Administration to confirm whether the proposed new fireman's lift would also serve as a lift for persons with a disability or there would be another lift for persons with a disability.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

2. The current statutory requirement for barrier-free access for persons with a disability as promulgated in the Design Manual: Barrier Free Access 1997 published by the Buildings Department stipulates that at least one lift in a building shall comply with the design requirements. In the Shek Wu Hui Market and Cooked Food Centre, the main access is at the southern end with three lifts. It is therefore necessary to modify one of the lifts for use by persons with a disability in order to meet the statutory requirement. The new fireman's lift to be installed at about 80 metres from the main access in meeting the relevant fire regulation would also be used by persons with a disability. The cost of such added provision is minimal.
