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Dear Dr LIAO,

**Panel on Planning, Lands and Works**

**Reprovisioning of Sha Tin Water Treatment Works**

Your Bureau has previously proposed to brief the Panel on the above subject at the Panel meeting in May or June 2004. A member of the Panel has submitted a request to the Panel Chairman suggesting that discussion of the subject be advanced to the coming Panel meeting on 27 April 2004 and that the Administration should provide a paper to facilitate the discussion. I understand from my conversation with the subject officer (Mr Jack CHAN) today that your Bureau would like to discuss the subject with the Panel at the Panel meeting on 25 May 2004.

In view of the Panel member's request and the media reports relating to the subject over the past few days, the Chairman has instructed me to seek your advice/response on the following matters -

- (a) the present status of the project, in particular the feasibility study for the project based on which the Administration will work out the details on the method of procurement;

- (b) whether and when the report of the feasibility study would be published for public information;
- (c) whether the Administration would consult the Panel before making any major decision on the project including a decision on the method of procurement; and
- (d) the earliest timing at which the Administration would be ready to discuss the subject with the Panel.

I should be grateful if you would let me have your reply, in both Chinese and English and with a softcopy, **on or before Thursday, 22 April 2004**. You may wish to note that unless you state otherwise, your reply and any paper provided by the Administration will be made available to the press and members of the public.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Anita SIT)  
Clerk to Panel

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