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Dear Ms Sit,

Panel on Planning, Lands and Works

Reprovisioning of Sha Tin Water Treatment Works

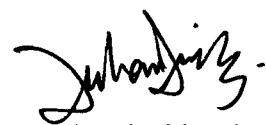
Thank you for your letter of 20 April 2004 to SETW concerning a Panel Member's request. Dr Liao has asked me to reply on her behalf.

As regards items (a) to (d) in the second paragraph of your letter, our response is as follows –

- (a) The preliminary feasibility study on developing and implementing public private partnerships for the in-situ reprovisioning of the Sha Tin Water Treatment Works (STWTW) has largely been completed and the results are encouraging. The Government is now considering the way forward in the light of the findings of the study.

- (b) In order that the public may have a full picture regarding the reprovisioning project, it is our intention to let members of the public have access to the content of the report on the preliminary feasibility study. In fact, we are arranging for the uploading of the executive summary of the report onto the webpage of the Environment, Transport and Works Bureau as soon as possible.
- (c) As we have re-affirmed on many occasions, the Government has not made a decision on the STWTW project. We have all along planned to consult the LegCo Panel on Planning, Lands and Works and take Members' views into consideration before going firm on the way forward.
- (d) Having carefully examined all the preparation work required, the earliest time for us to brief your Panel Members is at its meeting scheduled for 25 May 2004.

Yours sincerely,



(Jack Chan)

for Secretary for the Environment,
Transport and Works