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Miss Odelia Leung
Clerk to LegCo Panel on Planning, Lands and Works
LegCo Building
8 Jackson Road
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Dear Miss Leung,

Panel on Planning, Lands and Works

Follow-up to meeting on 18 May 2004

Thank you for your letter dated 19 May 2004 to the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works who has asked me to respond on her behalf.

We noted the motion proposed by Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai which was passed by the LegCo Panel on Planning, Lands and Works (the Panel) at the meeting held on 18 May 2004 –

“That this Panel calls on the Government not to make any decisions on privatization of the Sha Tin Water Treatment Works before the relevant consultancy report is submitted to and endorsed by this Panel.”

We are pleased to inform you that the reports on the feasibility studies on the in-situ reprovisioning of the Sha Tin Water Treatment Works (STWTW) and delivery of water supply, distribution and customer services using Public Private Partnership have been publicised and uploaded onto the homepage of the Environment, Transport and Works Bureau (www.etwb.gov.hk) for public information. We are now gathering the views of interested parties and members of the public and will consider the way forward in the light of the comments received. We shall keep the Panel informed of further progress and consult it on how best to take forward the STWTW project before arriving at a final decision.

Yours sincerely,

(Jack Chan)
for Secretary for the Environment,
Transport and Works

cc Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP (Chairman)
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