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Dear Miss LEUNG,

Subcommittee on West Kowloon Cultural District Development

Thank you for your letter of 17 June.

As we have explained at previous meetings of the Subcommittee and stated in the Annex to Paper No.WKCD-103, the various studies involved the making of certain financial assumptions by the Government. Premature disclosure of these studies may weaken the Government's position in future negotiations with the proponents, making it impossible for the Government to secure a package that is in the best interest of the public. Blocking out of the related financial information will not give a meaningful picture and may be misleading to the reader. In this regard, we have agreed to provide the Legislative Council with the financial and related information before signing any provisional agreement with the successful proponent, subject to the Government's negotiation position not being compromised.

Yours sincerely,

(Arsene YIU) for Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands