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**Road Traffic (Traffic Control) (Designation of Prohibited and Restricted Zones) (Amendment) Notice 2005**

Thank you for your letter dated 5 January 2006 which was discussed at yesterday's meeting of the House Committee.

Members would like to seek further clarification on two points. First, Members would like to know why the Airport Authority Board could not schedule a meeting earlier than 29 November 2005 to approve the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) (Designation of Prohibited and Restricted Zones) (Amendment) Notice 2005, since the Airport Authority was informed of the opening schedule of the AsiaWorld-Expo in early October 2005. Second, Members would like to know why the Notice was gazetted on 16 December 2005 and not on 2 or 9 December 2005. Gazetting the Notice one to two weeks earlier would have allowed Members time to study the Notice and to raise comments, if any, before the Notice came into operation on 16 December 2005.

I look forward to your early reply.

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