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The Hon Lau Kong-wah, JP
Chairman of Bills Committee
Legislative Council
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Dear Chairman,

Bills Committee on Tsing Sha Control Area Bill

I would like to express the Administration's gratitude for your leadership and support at the Bills Committee on the Tsing Sha Control Area Bill. The Administration intends to give notice for the Tsing Sha Control Area Bill to resume its Second Reading Debate on 27 June 2007. We will consult House Committee on this plan.

I would also like to draw to your attention that the Administration has given notice on 23 May 2007 in accordance with Rule 29(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the intention to move a resolution under section 54A of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1) at the meeting of the Legislative Council on 13 June 2007 to effect the transfer of statutory functions pursuant to the proposed re-organisation plan of the Government Secretariat with effect from 1 July 2007. Pursuant to the re-organisation plan, statutory functions exercisable by the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works on matters relating to transport will be transferred to the Secretary for Transport and Housing with effect from 1 July 2007. This covers the statutory functions vested with SETW in the Bill. Subject to the passage of the resolution on 13 June 2007, the Administration will move Committee Stage Amendments to the Bill, in clause 1(2) and the definition of "Secretary" in clause 2(1), to amend references to "Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works" to "Secretary for Transport and Housing".

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

(Annette Lee)
for Secretary for the Environment,
Transport and Works