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Panel on Transport

Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

Minutes of meeting on Friday, 15 May 2009, at 8:15 am in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

Members present: Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP (Chairman)

Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP

Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH

Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC

Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH Hon WONG Sing-chi Hon IP Wai-ming, MH

Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP

Member attending: Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

Members absent: Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP

Hon LEE Wing-tat

Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

Public Officers attending

Agenda item III

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Mr YAU Shing-mu

Under Secretary for Transport and Housing

Mr Philip YUNG

Deputy Secretary for Transport & Housing

(Transport) 1

Mr Henry CHAN

Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport &

Housing (Transport) 7

Mr WAN Man-lung

Principal Government Engineer/Railway

Development

Highways Department

Attendance by invitation

Agenda item III

MTR Corporation Limited

Mr Malcolm GIBSON

Head of Project Engineering

Miss Maggie SO

Senior Manager - Projects and Property Communications

Civic Party

Ms Annie KI

Chairperson, Hong Kong Branch

Green Sense

Miss HO Ka-po

Project Manager

Designing Hong Kong

Mr Paul ZIMMAMAN

Founding Member

Mr CHAN Yin-lun

Architecture drawer

Southern District Council

Mr CHU Ching-hong Vice-chairman

Mr LEUNG Ho-kwan Appointed member

<u>Individual</u>

Mr Fergus FUNG Se-golin Southern District Councillor (Liberal Party)

Individual

Mr Ronald CHAN Ngok-pang Southern District Councillor (Savantas)

TWGHs Jockey Club Rehabilitation Complex Parents Committee

Mr CHAN Yat-sum Representative

Ms HO LEE Mei-ying Representative

Individual

Mr Bill BARRON

TWGHs Jockey Club Rehabilitation Complex

Mr Allan HO Assistant Superintendent

Mr Simon CHEUNG Executive Officer

Wah Fu Service Center Limited

Mr WONG Choi-lap Vice Coordinator

Southern District Social Service Association

Mr PANG Siu-kei Secretary

Individual

Mr NG Kam-chuen Wan Chai District Council

Orchid Valley

Ms Carolyn FONG Representative

Mr Clifford WONG Representative

Shouson Hill Concern Group

Ms Sophie REY

Mr Marcus SCHMITT

Ap Lei Chau Lee Yi House Mutual Aid Committee

Mr LEUNG Pak-hung

Hong Kong Southern District Sustainable Development Concern Group

Mr KWONG Sik-keung Chairman

Mr LAM Yue-wah Member

Democratic Party

Mr FUNG Wai-kwong District Councillor

Sham Wan Towers

Mr Nelson YEUNG Owner's Committee Vice-chairman

Mr Tony TAI Property Manager

Individual

Mr YEUNG Chung-woon

Joint Office of Southern District Councillors

Mr CHAI Man-hon District Councillor

Miss LI Shee-lim Executive Officer

Committee of Hong Kong Island Branch of Democratic Party

Mr TSUI Yuen-wa Permanent Committee Member

Mr LO Kin-hei Permanent Committee Member

Individual

Ms CHENG Lai-chun

Ms NG Choi-far

Ocean Park Corporation

Mr Alex CHU Executive Director Design and Planning

Residents Association of Yue On Court

Miss Yeung Siu-hung Chairman Miss Jun NGAI

Representative - Maintenance Engineer

Incorporated Owners of Yue On Court

Miss LEUNG Lai-sheung

Treasurer

Mr Emil WONG

Representative - Estate Manger

Clerk in attendance: Ms Joanne MAK

Chief Council Secretary (1)2

Staff in attendance: Ms Julien CHU

Council Secretary (1)2

Miss Winnie CHENG Legislative Assistant (1)5

Action

I Confirmation of minutes of meeting

(LC Paper No. CB(1)1544/08-09 — Minutes of the meeting on 31 March 2009)

The minutes of the meeting on 31 March 2009 were confirmed.

II Information papers issued since last meeting

LC Paper No. — Letter from Hon Mrs Regina IP CB(1)1273/08-09(01) — proposing discussion of "Extension of Island Line to Siu Sai Wan"

LC Paper No. CB(1) — The Administration's response to a submission made by a Mr. CHEUNG (LC Paper No. CB(1)1137/08-09(07)

LC Paper No. — Further submission on "Shatin to CB(1)1443/08-09(02) — Central Link" from Mr CHEUNG

LC Paper No. — Submission on installation of platform CB(1)1443/08-09(03) — screen doors

2. <u>Members</u> noted the above papers which had been issued after the last regular meeting.

Clerk

3. Referring to a letter from Mrs Regina IP (LC Paper No. CB(1)1273/08-09(01)), the Chairman requested the Clerk to seek the Administration's views on the appropriate timing for discussion of the proposal of extending the existing MTR Island Line to Siu Sai Wan.

III Further discussion on South Island Line

- 4. <u>The Subcommittee</u> deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).
- 5. <u>The Subcommittee</u> received views from 26 deputations/individuals which/who expressed the following major concerns on the South Island Line Line (East) (SIL(E)) project -
 - (a) concern about the noise and visual impacts of the proposed viaduct section between the toll plaza of Aberdeen Tunnel and Ap Lei Chau. Some residents were concerned that the viaduct section would affect the environment of the Southern District as well as the ecology of Wong Chuk Hang nullah where a few hundreds of egrets lived;
 - (b) the construction of the viaduct section near the TWGHs Jockey Club Rehabilitation Complex was strongly opposed by its parents committee and management as they were worried about the impacts of the noise and vibrations brought about by future railway operation on the inhabitants. They demanded for moving the viaduct section further away from the Rehabilitation Complex, installation of enclosed noise barriers at the viaduct section, and providing information on, e.g. the above ground height of the viaduct section and its distance from the Rehabilitation Complex and estimated noise level;
 - (c) the lack of information provided by MTRCL on the locations of ventilation shafts to be built under this project and their environmental impact;
 - (d) concerns about the locations of entrances for stations at South Horizons and Lei Tung and other suggestions (e.g. providing additional station entrances at Sham Wan Towers, Wah Kwai, and Wong Chuk Hang San Wai at Wong Chuk Hang Road);
 - (e) concern about the impacts of setting up a temporary magazine at Chung Hom Shan and a temporary barge loading facility

for spoil near Wah Kwai;

- (f) request for the Administration to re-consider the provision of Happy Valley station for the benefit of residents in Happy Valley; and
- (g) concern about the impact of construction of SIL (E) on the structural stability of Shan On Court buildings and whether future railway operation and vibrations would impact on the facilities in Yue On Court.
- 6. MTRCL representative responded that in the light of public views, the Corporation had reduced the viaduct section and adjusted the alignment of the viaduct in the vicinity of Sham Wan Towers. MTRCL had engaged an independent environmental consultant to conduct the Environmental Impact Assessment and MTRCL would study various mitigation measures, improve the viaduct design and continue to consult the Southern District Council. MTRCL representative explained that the viaduct design was the most practicable option having regard to the following problems associated with a tunnel arrangement -
 - (a) the depot in Wong Chuk Hang would need to be lowered by 14 metres involving excavation of an additional one million cubic metres of hard rock inside the depot site. As a result, the SIL (E) project would be delayed by 3 to 4 years;
 - (b) about two-thirds of the Aberdeen Channel would have to be closed for 3 years to facilitate the construction, leaving only a 35-metre fairway for marine traffic during the period, which might not be acceptable;
 - (c) the construction of the ventilation buildings and the floodgate for the tunnel section crossing the Aberdeen Channel would require the permanent clearance of some shipyards on the north shore of the Channel;
 - (d) the two stations of Ocean Park and Wong Chuk Hang would have to be located underground. The level difference between the station platform and station entrances would become comparatively larger, making travelling time longer and more inconvenient for passengers; and
 - (e) a large area of land inside the Hong Kong Police College would be required temporarily for tunnel construction for at least 3 years, and the Tactical Training Complex Building would have to be demolished.

Admin/ MTRCL

- 7. After discussion, the Administration and MTRCL were requested to follow up the concerns and suggestions raised by members -
 - (a) the Administration should not hastily gazette the project before it had addressed the major concerns raised by residents, particularly concerns about the viaduct design which had aroused grave concerns amongst residents and local organizations;
 - (b) to provide information on the implications of the tunnel option in terms of additional construction time, traffic impact, ecological/environmental impacts, technical constraints pertaining to this option, and anticipated increase in traveling time for passengers if this option was pursued; and
 - (c) to consider installation of enclosed noise barriers at the viaduct section;
 - (d) to report on progress of the Administration's assessment of the overall impact of SIL (E) on other public transport modes; and
 - (e) to consider Mr Albert CHAN's suggestion that arbitration and mediation should be used as far as possible in handling land resumption issues.

Clerk

8. <u>Mr Albert CHAN</u> requested the legislative Council Secretariat to compile a list of major concerns raised by deputations and Subcommittee members for the Administration's response.

(Post-meeting note: the Administration's written responses to the submissions made by the deputations were issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2113/08-09 on 14 July 2009.)

IV Any other business

9. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:35 am.

Council Business Division 1
<u>Legislative Council Secretariat</u>
16 September 2009

Panel on Transport

Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

Proceedings of the meeting on Friday, 15 May 2009, at 8:15 am in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
Agenda Iter	m I - Confirmation of minutes and matte	rs arising	
000000 - 000433	Chairman	- Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2009	
Agenda Iter	m II – Information paper issued since las	st meeting	
000434 - 000549	Chairman	 Members noted the information papers issued after the last regular meeting; and Deliberation on Mrs Regina IP's proposal to discuss extending the MTR Island Line to Siu Sai Wan. 	Clerk to enquire with the Administration on its readiness to discuss a proposal of extending the existing MTR Island Line to Siu Sai Wan.
Agenda Iter	n III – Further discussion on South Islan	nd Line (SIL)	
000548 – 001054	Chairman	Opening remarks	
001055 - 001405	Civic Party	Presentation of views as detailed in its submission (LC Paper No. CB(1)1689/08-09(03)) - - Expression of support for the construction of SIL (E) as the population in Southern District had grown to 290,000; - Construction of SIL (E) would create a massive amount of rock and sand. Mitigation measures should be taken to minimize the impacts on traffic and the environment in the transportation of these excavated materials. Consideration should be given to taking them away by sea; and - The Administration was urged to take into consideration the public's suggestions on the locations of entrances for stations and any other views in refining the design of the project. Proposed locations on the ventilation shafts should be disclosed for public consultation as soon as possible.	
001406 – 001647	Green Sense	- Suggestions of various ways to economize the use of energy in railway operation for consideration by MTRCL.	

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001648 – 001949	Designing Hong Kong	PowerPoint presentation on concerns as detailed in its submission (LC Paper No. CB(1)1689/08-09(04)) - - Expression of grave concern over the construction of the proposed viaduct section between the toll plaza of Aberdeen Tunnel and Ap Lei Chau as such a design would create visual and noise impacts and adversely affect the environment of the Southern District as well as the ecology of Wong Chuk Hang nullah.	
001950 – 002315	Southern District Council	 Presentation of the outcome of the opinion survey recently collected by the DC from local residents (e.g. South Horizons residents) on the locations of entrances for stations; and The Administration was urged to expedite the construction of SIL (E) and it was suggested that the project should be gazetted in mid-2009. 	
002316 - 002532	Mr Fergus FUNG Se-golin	Presentation of views as set out his submission (LC Paper No. CB(1)1519/08-09(02)) - - Expression of support for expeditious implementation of SIL(E); - Expression of grave concern over the construction of the proposed viaduct section between the toll plaza of Aberdeen Tunnel and Ap Lei Chau; and - Suggestion of providing an additional station entrance at the San Wai in Wong Chuk Hang Road.	
002533 –	Mr Ronald CHAN Ngok-pang	 Expression of support for expeditious implementation of SIL (E); Expression of objection to the construction of the proposed viaduct section between the toll plaza of Aberdeen Tunnel and Ap Lei Chau as such a design would create visual and noise impacts and adversely affect the environment of the Southern District as well as the ecology of Wong Chuk 	

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		Hang nullah. The proposed viaduct section also aroused concern from parents of inhabitants of TWGHs Jockey Club Rehabilitation Complex; and	
		- Expression of concern over building an explosive depot at Chung Hom Shan and suggestion of providing an additional station entrance at Sham Wan Towers.	
002844 – 003205	TWGHs Jockey Club Rehabilitation Complex Parents Committee	Presentation of views as set out in its submission (LC Paper No. CB(1)1519/08-09(03))	
		 Expression of support for implementation of SIL (E). However, the construction of the proposed viaduct section was opposed as it was expected to have serious noise impact on the inhabitants of the Rehabilitation Complex given its close proximity; and Requests for moving the viaduct section further away from the Rehabilitation Complex, installing enclosed noise barriers at the viaduct section, and providing detailed information to the public, e.g. the height of the viaduct above ground, its distance from Rehabilitation Complex and assessment of the noise level to be generated by the viaduct 	
003206 – 0003451	Mr Bill BARRON	section. Presentation of views as set out in his submission (LC Paper No. CB(1)1519/08-09(04)) -	
		- Strongly supported the SIL (E) project which would boost commercial developments at Wong Chuk Hang and bring substantial benefits to the community.	
003452 – 003803	TWGHs Jockey Club Rehabilitation Complex	Presentation of views as set out in its submission (LC Paper No. CB(1)1519/08-09(05)) -	
		- Strongly supported the construction of SIL (E) but opposed the construction of the viaduct section which would be near the	

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		Rehabilitation Complex (less than 20 metres). About 2 000 inhabitants who were autistic or mentally disabled were residing in the complex and they would be seriously affected by the noise generated.	
003804 – 004104	Wah Fu Service Center Ltd	 Expression of support for expeditious implementation of SIL (E); The provision of SIL(West) should also be actively explored in order to benefit more residents such as those resided in Wah Fu and Wah Kwai areas; Expression of concern over the proposal of setting up the temporary barging facilites near Wah Kwai as this would cause noise and air pollution; and Opposition to building a temporary magazine siteat Chung Hom Shan. 	
004105 – 004415	Southern District Social Service Association	 Expression of support for expeditious implementation of SIL (E). Request for the Administration to take appropriate mitigation measures to address concerns over the traffic and environmental impacts during the construction of the railway and over the air impacts of the ventilation shafts to be built under this project; and Suggestion of providing an additional station entrance at Sham Wan Towers. 	
004416 – 004716	Mr NG Kam-chuen	Presentation of views as set out in his submission (LC Paper No. CB(1)1519/08-09(06)) - - Demand for the provision of a station in Happy Valley, which was also strongly supported by the DC concerned and various district organizations/residents' groups. Mr NG pointed out that the decision not to provide such a station had greatly disappointed residents of Happy Valley and the additional costs that would be incurred by the provision of the station were only minimal.	

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004717 – 005033	Orchid Valley	- Expression of concerns over the sustainable development of the southern district that might be adversely affected by proposed construction of the viaduct section and the Redevelopment Plan of Ocean Park which included the construction of a large hotel.	
005034 – 005333	Shouson Hill Concern Group	Presentation of views as set out in its submission (LC Paper No. CB(1)1949/08-09(01)) - - SIL would help ease the traffic congestion and reduce the number of polluting double-decker buses using the Aberdeen Tunnel; and - Expression of grave concern over the impact of the viaduct section on the ecology of Wong Chuk Hang nullah where was the habitat of a large number of egrets. Request for building SIL entirely underground.	
005334 - 010036	Chairman Administration Ms Audrey EU MTRCL	- The Administration's initial response to deputations' views and concerns about the proposed viaduct section, entrances of stations, and ventilation shafts. Traffic, noise and ecological impacts would be addressed in the relevant Environmental Impact Assessments. The Administration also explained its decision not to provide a Happy Valley station; and - MTRCL representative' response to concerns about the impact of the viaduct section on the inhabitants of the TWGHs Jockey Club Rehabilitation Complex. His assurance that the relevant statutory requirements on noise and vibration level would be strictly observed in taking forward the project, and MTRCL was confident that the section would not pose any adverse impact on the inmates. While there might be temporary impact on the ecology during the construction period, the egret population would not be affected in the long term. MTRCL would continue to maintain close liaison with the relevant stakeholders to address their	

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		concerns.	
	Session Two		
010037 – 010459	Chairman	Opening remarks	
010500 – 010751	Ap Lei Chau Lee Yi House Mutual Aid Committee	Presentation of views as set out in its submission (LC Paper No. CB(1)1519/08-09(07)) - - Expression of support for expeditious implementation of SIL; and - Expression for support for provision of pedestrian walkways to connect Ap Lei Chau Estate with the future SIL (E) station at South Horizons to facilitate aged residents walking to these stations.	
010752 – 011102	Hong Kong Southern District Sustainable Development Concern Group	- Expression of support for the implementation of SIL (E) but the viaduct design was opposed for its adverse impacts on the environment and on the sustainable development of Wong Chuk Hang and Aberdeen.	
011103 – 011420	Democratic Party (DP)	 Expression of support for expeditious implementation of SIL (E); and Presentation of the outcome of an opinion survey recently conducted by DP to collect views of residents of South Horizons on the locations of station entrances. 	
011421 – 011731	Sham Wan Towers	- Opposition to the construction of the proposed viaduct section and criticism of MTRCL that it had adopted the viaduct option mainly out of cost considerations.	
011732 – 012048	Mr WONG Shui-lung	 Expression of objection to the construction of a viaduct over the nullah in Heung Yip Road as this would adversely affect the some 600 egrets living there and entail cutting of tremendous trees; Queries about the justifications provided by MTRCL for not 	
		- Suggestion of changing to tunnel arrangement and the relevant section could be built under the lawn of the	

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		Tactical Training Complex Building of the Hong Kong Police College.	
012049 – 012356	Joint Office of Southern District Councillors of Democratic Party	- The Administration was urged to expedite the SIL (E) construction and transport measures should be explored to facilitate residents living on the western side to also have convenient access to the stations of SIL(E).	
012357 – 012721	Committee of Hong Kong Island Branch of Democratic Party	 Expression of support for expeditious implementation of SIL (E); Request for provision of station entrances near Sham Wan Towers and Wah Kwai; and 	
		- Alternatively, the existing flyover should be extended to directly link Sham Wan Towers to future station entrances at Wong Chuk Hang.	
012722 – 013028	Ms CHENG Lai-chun	Presentation of views as set out in her submission (LC Paper No. CB(1)1519/08-09(08)) -	
		- Expression of support for expeditious implementation of SIL (E) and support the location of station, entrance locations at South Horizons	
013029 – 013203	Ms NG Choi-far	- Expression of support for expeditious implementation of SIL (E) and support the location of station, entrance locations at South Horizons.	
013204 – 013510-	Ocean Park	Presentation of views as set out in its submission (LC Paper No. CB(1)1519/08-09(09)) -	
		- Strongly supported SIL (E) as it would benefit Hong Kong and rejuvenate the southern district;	
		- SIL (E) would reduce traffic in Wong Chuk Hang, Causeway Bay, Wanchai and Central; and	
		- The railway project would lead to cleaner air and better environment, thus attracting more visitors and creating more job opportunities.	
013511 –	Residents Association of Yue On	Presentation of views as set out in its	

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013819	Court	submission (LC Paper No. CB(1)1759/08-09(01)) - - Expression of concern about the impact of construction of SIL (E) on the structure stability of Shan On Court buildings and whether the future railway operation and vibrations would cause damages to the facilities in Yue On Court and necessitate frequent maintenance.	
013820 – 014159	Incorporated Owners of Yue On Court	Presentation of views as set out in its joint submission (LC Paper No. CB(1)1759/08-09(01)) - - Criticism that the needs of Yue On Court and Sham Wan Towers had been neglected in the design of the locations of station entrances	
014200 - 015235	Chairman Mrs Regina IP Administration MTRCL	 Mrs IP's view that the Administration should fully address concerns about impact of the viaduct section on the Rehabilitation Complex and on the environment in southern district, concern about the explosive depot, etc. before gazettal of the project. She also considered that MTRCL should not be solely concerned about cost minimization in considering which option was most suitable for the SIL (E) project; and The Administration's response that its plan was to gazette the project in mid-2009 after addressing the major concerns, e.g. the impacts of the viaduct section. The Administration would continue to conduct public 	
015236 – 015924	Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming Administration MTRCL	consultation to collect public views after gazettal of the project. - Mr CHEUNG's enquiry of whether the Administration/MTRCL would explore alternative alignment which could address residents' concerns without causing much delay to the implementation of the project;	
		- The Administration's explanation that the bone of contention seemed to be the proposed viaduct design rather than the alignment and the reasons for pursuing the viaduct option; and	

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		- MTRCL representative's response that it had considered tunnel options and found that the viaduct design was the most practicable option having regard to the implications and drawbacks associated with the change to a tunnel arrangement.	
015925 – 020448	Mr KAM Nai-wai Administration MTRCL Chairman	 Mr KAM's view that the tunnel option should be further explored to replace the viaduct option in order to avoid adverse impact on the Rehabilitation Complex and the egret habitat at Wong Chuk Hang nullah. His request for the Administration to fully address the various concerns raised by deputations and MTRCL to provide more detailed information on the project to address residents' concerns; and The Administration's reiteration that MTRCL would make its best efforts to minimise the impact of the viaduct section, if any, on the Rehabilitation Complex. The installation of enclosed noise barrier would also be considered. 	
020449 – 020844	Ms LI Fung-ying Administration	 Ms LI's view that the Administration should properly address the concerns raised by the public first before gazettal of the project; and Her initial view that the tunnel option should still be explored as residents might not mind three years' delay in the completion of the railway. The Administration's response that it would take balanced consideration of various issues involved in deciding on the way forward. 	
020845 – 021626	Mr Albert CHAN Administration Chairman	- Mr CHAN's strong view that the Administration should expedite its conduct of assessment on the overall impact of SIL (E) on other public transport modes (e.g. public light buses and taxis). The Administration's response that it would look into the impact of SIL (E) and assess the different levels of intermodal coordination along SIL (E) that would be required to enhance	

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		the coordination of public transport trades; - Query about the policy considerations in deciding to build a new railway line with three stations in the Southern District where the population was only about 300 000, whereas only one railway station was provided in Tin Shui Wai (with a population of 300 000) and only two railway stations were provided in Tuen Mun (where population already reached 600 000); and - Request for review of land resumption policy and suggestion that the Administration should resort to arbitration and mediation in handling land resumption issues.	
021627 – 022022	Mr KAM Nai-wai Chairman Mr Albert CHAN	 Mr. KAM's request for information on the implications of the tunnel option in terms of construction time, local traffic, ecological/environmental impacts, technical constraints, and anticipated increase in traveling time for passengers; Mr. Albert CHAN's request for compilation of the major concerns the Subcommittee had raised about the SIL (E) project for the 	Clerk to compile a list of the major issues for the Administration's response
		- The Chairman's request for the Administration to work out feasible options to address residents' concerns as far as possible.	

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