

Supplementary Information on

**FCR(2011-11)2 : RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME AND
CAPITAL SUBVENTION PROJECTS**

for the FC Meeting on 15 April 2011

As requested by the FC Chairman at the pre-meeting briefing with the Administration on 13 April 2011, supplementary information on the above FCai is appended below.

PWSC(2010-11)36 (Head 708) 14EL Research and Academic Building, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)

(a) Gender Mainstreaming

2. HKUST advises that the male to female ratio of the users of the new building is 2:1 while the water closet compartment ratio (male to female) of the new building is provided at 1:1 having considered the Buildings Department's practice note issued in May 2005 seeking to increase the provision of sanitary fittings for females in shopping arcades, cinemas and places of public entertainment.

(b) Barrier-free Access

3. Section 84 of the Disability Discrimination Ordinance stipulates that for a new building or for the alterations or additions to an existing building, the relevant authority shall not, in respect of those works, approve building plans unless the public authority is satisfied that such access as is reasonable in the circumstances to the building or premises will be provided for persons with a disability. In this context, the Buildings Department published the Design Manual - Barrier-Free Access in 1997 and an updated version in 2008. The building works of University Grants Committee-funded institutions (including 14EL) are subject to the approval of Buildings Department and hence have been following the design manual on the provision of barrier-free access.

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