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Dear Ms Lau,

**Select Committee to Inquire into the Background and Reasons for
the Delay of the Construction of the Hong Kong Section of the
Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (“Select Committee”)**

Entrustment Agreements

Your Office wrote to the Secretary for Transport and Housing on 23 January 2015 and 3 March 2015 requesting the following documents –

- (i) the two Entrustment Agreements signed between the Government and the MTR Corporation Limited (“MTRCL”) on 24 November 2008 and 26 January 2010 respectively;
- (ii) the monthly progress reports submitted by MTRCL to the Project Supervision Committee (“PSC reports”); and
- (iii) the briefing notes provided by the Highways Department to the Transport and Housing Bureau for the Head of Department meetings (“Briefing Notes”).

In view of the fact that the Government and MTRCL had disclosed a substantial portion of the material content of the Entrustment Agreements when announcing to the public the revised construction cost and works progress of the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link on 30

November 2015, after careful consideration and consultation with MTRCL, we have decided to provide a copy of the two Entrustment Agreements at Appendix to the Select Committee for reference.

As for the PSC reports, due to their confidential and commercially sensitive nature, we consider it appropriate to provide a redacted version of them for the Select Committee's viewing on a confidential basis at closed hearings. Regarding the Briefing Notes, as they are confidential internal records of the Government, we may provide the Select Committee with a set of key points of the Briefing Notes for reference on a confidential basis at closed hearings.

If the Select Committee agrees to our proposed arrangements, we will separately provide it with the relevant information in the manners described above.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Transport and Housing

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c.c. Director of Highways
Chairman, MTRCL
Chief Executive Officer, MTRCL

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