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Mr. Anthony CHU Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong

Dear Mr. CHU,

Legislative Council Panel on Transport Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways (RSC) Visit to the Futian Station of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL)

I refer to the letter from the Chairman of the RSC to the Secretary for Transport and Housing of 20 April 2016 regarding the above subject. Regarding a member's suggestion to visit the Futian Station of the XRL in Shenzhen, I have been authorised to reply as follows.

According to our understanding, the Futian Station of the XRL started operation on 30 December 2015. Currently, there are only trains running to and from Guangzhou South Station (about 23 pairs). There will be two pairs of trains running between Futian and Changsha South Station from 15 May this year. As the Futian Station is still at the initial operation stage, we believe that the RSC can get a better understanding of the actual operation and service of the Mainland section of the XRL when the operation of the Futian Station has reached a more advanced stage.

We suggest that the RSC consider the appropriate timing and itinerary to visit Futian Station at a later time.

Yours sincerely.

(Chris NG)

for Secretary for Transport and Housing