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Clerk to Subcommittee
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central
Hong Kong
(Attn: Ms Doris LO)

Dear Ms LO,

**Subcommittee on Two Proposed Resolutions under
the Fixed Penalty (Traffic Contraventions) Ordinance and
the Fixed Penalty (Criminal Proceedings) Ordinance**

Follow-up to meeting on 19 June 2017

At the above meeting, the Subcommittee requested the Government to provide supplementary information about a site adjoining the To Kwa Wan Vehicle Examination Centre of the Transport Department (“TD”). Our response is as follows.

In 2014, having regard to the views expressed by Legislative Council (“LegCo”) Members and the tourism trade, the Government looked into the proposal to make available the temporary site adjoining To Kwa Wan Vehicle Examination Centre of TD for vehicles waiting to be examined and to turn it into a site for parking of coaches during the night time (i.e. from 7 pm to 7 am on the following day). After reviewing the use of the temporary site, the Government proposed to turn the site into a temporary whole-day coach park, and conducted local consultation on the proposal. Some district personalities strongly opposed the proposal because of concerns on noise and air pollution caused by the presence of

the coach park. Relevant government departments, including the Tourism Commission, TD, Lands Department and Kowloon City District Office, met with and arranged site inspections for some LegCo Members, the Chairman of Kowloon City District Council and district personalities. Because of the concerns of local residents about coaches entering and leaving the coach park during night time and in the small hours could cause environmental nuisance, such as noise pollution and exhaust emissions, to nearby residents, the proposal could not be implemented eventually.

To meet the parking demand of coaches in To Kwa Wan, TD has been actively identifying suitable coach parking sites in the nearby areas. For example, 26 metered coach parking spaces have been provided near the Kowloon City Ferry Pier in To Kwa Wan. Moreover, the Government has provided a short-term tenancy car park on a government site on Bailey Street near a popular tourist spot since August 2016, providing a total of about 70 parking spaces for coaches and goods vehicles.

To facilitate the construction works of the Central Kowloon Route project which are scheduled to commence in mid-2017, the Highways Department, in conjunction with TD and other relevant government departments, are jointly formulating traffic improvement measures for the areas around the Kowloon City Ferry Pier in To Kwa Wan. One of the measures will be to include the above vacant site adjoining the To Kwa Wan Vehicle Examination Centre in the works area of the project and the contractor will make available the site for picking up/setting down of passengers by coaches during peak hours (around 6 pm to 8 pm). The Government will conduct local consultation on this proposal at an appropriate juncture.

Yours sincerely,

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