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Panel on Transport
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central
Hong Kong
(Attn: Ms Doris Lo)

Dear Ms Lo,

**Panel on transport
Meeting on 19 May 2017**

**Takeover Arrangements of Tate's Cairn Tunnel
Supplementary Information**

At the meeting of the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) Panel on Transport on 19 May 2017, a Member requested the Government to provide supplementary information on the projected revenue and operating costs of Tate’s Cairn Tunnel (“TCT”) after the Government’s takeover of the tunnel. Our reply is set out below.

Under the scenario that the existing toll levels remain unchanged, the average daily traffic volume of TCT is expected to be 63 900 vehicles in 2018, with an annual revenue of about \$ 500 million.

As for the operating costs, since the management, operation and maintenance contract of TCT is expected to be awarded through an open tender exercise by end-2017, the contract sum is not yet available at

this stage. Besides, TCT's operating costs will also include expenditure for major structural maintenance works and the replacement of tunnel facilities to be undertaken by relevant works departments. The Government has commenced a condition survey on the civil, structural, electrical and mechanical facilities/services of TCT. However, part of the condition survey will have to be carried out after the Government's takeover of TCT. When the results of the condition survey are available, the relevant departments will arrange the necessary improvement or replacement works. Hence, we do not have sufficient information to estimate the required costs at this juncture.

As explained at the meeting, the Government has commenced the study on the rationalisation of traffic distribution among the three road harbour crossings and the three land tunnels between Kowloon and Sha Tin (*viz.* TCT, the Lion Rock Tunnel and the Eagle's Nest Tunnel and Sha Tin Heights Tunnel). We will formulate toll adjustment proposals covering the six tunnels (including TCT) for rationalising the traffic distribution among the six tunnels in a holistic manner. The Government has undertaken earlier to submit toll adjustment proposals for discussion at the LegCo Panel on Transport within the 2017-18 legislative year. We therefore consider that toll levels of TCT should remain temporarily unchanged upon the Government's takeover. We will formulate proposals on TCT's toll adjustments based on the findings of the study and subsequent discussions.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Transport and Housing

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