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Dear Ms Mak,

**Panel on Home Affairs  
Follow Up to Meeting on 21 December 2017**

The Panel on Home Affairs (HA Panel) discussed the Signature Project Scheme (SPS) projects of Southern District, Wan Chai (WC) District and Kwun Tong (KT) District at its meeting on 21 December 2017. At the meeting, Members requested the Government to provide supplementary information. Our response is set out in the ensuing paragraphs.

*A. Latest progress on the implementation of SPS projects in the 18 districts*

2. The progress of the SPS projects is at Annex 1.

*B. Additional information on the costing of the “Construction of Moreton Terrace Activities Centre” (the MTAC Project) of WC District*

3. The Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) has adopted the “no frills” principle for a cost-effective design for the MTAC Project, having regard to the requirements of WC District Council. However, in order to cope with various site constraints, corresponding adjustment to the design and construction is required, leading to additional construction cost and higher unit cost, and affecting the costing of the Project. These constraints include:

- (a) The site is small (with an area of 750 square metres only) and is not connected to existing roads. To facilitate the works, an area of the adjacent seven-a-side football pitch will be used as the project site which leads to additional works including demolition of the fencing of the football pitch and provision of temporary fencing, as well as reinstatement upon completion of the construction works. Moreover, construction vehicles will be arranged to access the site through Moreton Terrace via the existing emergency vehicle access (EVA) of the Hong Kong Central Library (HKCL). Nevertheless, to safeguard the daily operation of HKCL, the time for using the EVA is restricted, hence affecting efficiency of works;
- (b) The planning permission of the Town Planning Board (TPB) contains a building height restriction (21.15 metres) and a requirement to enhance the ventilation of the building as far as possible, including the provision of a breezeway on each floor. The one on the ground level will be about 10 metres in width for enhancing the accessibility to the football pitch and ventilation at public space and walkways. This requires additional gross floor area. Hence, to meet TPB's requirements and optimise land use, basement works become necessary for placing the electrical and mechanical installations, in order to make available as far as practicable space on the ground level and upper floors for use by the public and local organisations. Moreover, variable refrigerant volume type air conditioning system, which is more costly, will be installed to meet the need of a small site;
- (c) In order to avoid affecting the operation of HKCL closely, noise mitigation measures during specific periods and occasional suspension of works will be required during construction, thereby prolonging the construction period and increasing the construction cost; and
- (d) There are existing five trees in the site. For preservation purpose, the extent of the basement and the structural design of the building have to allow sufficient space for their growth.

*C. Usage of each community hall/community centre in WC District under the Home Affairs Department (HAD)*

4. The Leighton Hill Community Hall (LHCH) is the only community hall/community centre in WC District under HAD. The usage of LHCH during peak hours and non-peak hours<sup>1</sup> in 2017 are 70.1% and 59.2% respectively.

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<sup>1</sup> Peak hours are 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays and whole day on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. Non-peak hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays.



*D. Workflow and timetable of the "Construction of Music Fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade" (the Promenade Project) in KT District and a breakdown of the recurrent maintenance cost of the Project*

5. With the support of HA Panel on the Promenade Project on 21 December 2017, we will seek funding approval from the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee (FC) as soon as possible. Subject to FC's funding approval, ArchSD will invite tenders and conduct tender evaluation in accordance with the established mechanism. Upon awarding of the contract, the contractor will commence the construction works according to the contract. The relevant tendering exercise takes about six months in general. The construction period of the Promenade Project is about 19 months. ArchSD will monitor works progress and expenditure closely. During construction, resident site staff will conduct routine inspection and supervision to monitor works quality. ArchSD will also take appropriate mitigation measures to tackle individual incidents happened during construction in order to lessen the impact on the construction period and expenditure.

6. The additional annual recurrent expenditure arising from the Promenade Project is about \$1.8 million, breakdown as follows –

Item	Additional expenditure per annum
Maintenance expenses	\$1,109,500
Security	\$309,000
Staff cost	\$200,500
Electricity	\$83,000
Cleansing and chemicals	\$81,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,783,000</b>

Yours sincerely,



(Ms Eugenia CHUNG)  
for Director of Home Affairs

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Encl.

**Signature Project Scheme**  
**List of Projects (as at 5 March 2018)**

**(A) 23 projects which have obtained funding approval**

<b>District</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Latest Progress</b>
Central and Western	Harbourfront Enhancement and Revitalisation at the Western Wholesale Food Market	Works have been largely completed and inspection of the completed works by relevant departments is in progress. Expected commissioning in March/April 2018.
Eastern	Eastern District Cultural Square	Works are in progress and expected to be completed by late 2018.
Kwun Tong	Construction of Lift Tower at Shung Yan Street in Kwun Tong	Works are in progress and expected to be completed by the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2018.
Wong Tai Sin	Expansion and Improvement of Wong Tai Sin Square	The project was completed for operation in March 2017.
	Enhancement of Leisure Facilities of Morse Park	Works are in progress and expected to be completed by the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2018.
Kowloon City	Revitalisation of the Rear Portion of the Cattle Depot	Works are in progress and expected to be completed by the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter of 2018.
Yau Tsim Mong	Yau Tsim Mong Multicultural Activity Centre	Works are in progress and expected to be completed by the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2019.
Sham Shui Po	Shek Kip Mei Community Services Centre	Works are in progress and expected to be completed by the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter of 2018.
	Mei Foo Neighbourhood Activity Centre	Works have been largely completed and inspection of the completed works is in progress. The site will be handed over to the partner organisation for preparatory work prior to its operation. Expected to be open for use in the first half of 2018.
Sha Tin	Revitalisation of Shing Mun River Promenade near Sha Tin Town Centre	The thematic lighting system has been in operation since June 2017. Works of the remaining items are in progress and expected to be completed by phases by late 2018.
	Decking of Tai Wai Nullah in Sha Tin	Works are in progress and expected to be completed by mid-2018.



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Tai Po	Establishment of an Arts Centre by Retrofitting Tai Po Government Secondary School	Works are in progress and expected to be completed by the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter of 2018.
North	Improvement of Trails and Provision of Ancillary Facilities at Wu Tip Shan and Wa Mei Shan in Fanling	Works are in progress. Some of the items have been completed by phases since late 2017. The project is expected to be completed in the first half of 2018.
	Improvement of Trails and Provision of Facilities in Sha Tau Kok	Works are in progress. Some of the items have been completed by phases since late 2017. The project is expected to be completed by late 2018.
Sai Kung	Reconstruction of the Sharp Island Pier	Works are in progress and expected to be completed in the second half of 2018.
	Construction of the Tseung Kwan O Heritage Hiking Trail and the Heritage Information Centre	Works are in progress and expected to be completed by early 2019.
Kwai Tsing	Enhancement of Community Healthcare	Services have been implemented in full.
Tsuen Wan	Redevelopment of Sai Lau Kok Garden	Works are in progress and expected to be completed in the second half of 2018.
Tuen Mun	Revitalisation of Tuen Mun River and Surrounding Areas	Works are in progress and expected to be completed by early 2019.
	Promotion of Youth Development in Tuen Mun	Services have been implemented in full.
Yuen Long	Construction of a Yuen Long District Community Services Building	Works are in progress and expected to be completed by late 2018.
Islands	Improvement works at Silvermine Bay Beach, Mui Wo, Lantau Island	Works are in progress and expected to be completed by the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2018.
	Yung Shue Wan Library cum Heritage and Cultural Showroom, Lamma Island	Works are in progress and expected to be completed by late 2018.

**(B) 4 projects which have been supported by the Panel on Home Affairs (HA Panel) of the Legislative Council**

<b>District</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Latest Progress</b>
Southern	Provision of Ophthalmic Examination Services	) HA Panel's support was obtained on ) 21 December 2017. Funding ) approval from the Finance Committee ) (FC) will be sought as soon as ) possible.
	Provision of Shuttle Bus / Rehabilitation Bus Services	
Wan Chai	Construction of Moreton Terrace Activities Centre	) HA Panel's support was obtained on ) 21 December 2017. Funding ) approval from the Public Works ) Subcommittee and FC will be sought ) as soon as possible.
Kwun Tong	Construction of Music Fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade	

**(C) 2 projects which have been shelved**

<b>District</b>	<b>Project</b>
Southern	Fishermen Cultural Centre
Tai Po	Improving the Tourist Facilities at Lam Tsuen Wishing Square