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Panel on Transport
Legislative Council Secretariat
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1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong
(Attn: Mr Lemuel WOO)

Dear Mr WOO,

**Legislative Council Panel on Transport
Meetings on 17 November 2017 and 9 January 2018**

**Toll Rationalisation Study of Three Road Harbour Crossings and
Three Land Tunnels between Kowloon and Sha Tin**

Supplementary Information

At the meetings of the Legislative Council Panel on Transport on 17 November 2017 and 9 January 2018, Members requested the Government to provide supplementary information on the toll rationalisation study of the three road harbour crossings and the three land tunnels between Kowloon and Sha Tin (hereafter referred to as “toll rationalisation study”). Our reply is set out below.

Financial information on government tunnels

Government tunnels covered by the toll rationalisation study include the Cross-Harbour Tunnel (“CHT”), Eastern Harbour Crossing (“EHC”), Lion Rock Tunnel and Eagle’s Nest and Sha Tin Heights Tunnel (also known as “Route 8K”). Tate’s Cairn Tunnel and the Western Harbour Crossing (“WHC”) are “Build-Operate-Transfer” projects which are currently owned and operated by their respective franchisees.

A summary of the financial information of the above-mentioned government tunnels for the 2016-17 financial year (i.e. 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017) is at the Annex.

Usage of the three road harbour crossings by empty taxis

According to surveys carried out in November and December 2017 by the consultants for the toll rationalisation study, empty taxis account for about 14%, 21% and 11% of the total taxi traffic flow of CHT, EHC and WHC respectively on weekdays. Currently, the tolls for taxis using CHT, WHC and WHC are \$10, \$25 (\$15 for empty taxis) and \$65 (with concessions for empty taxis¹) respectively.

Yours sincerely,



(Adrian LAM)

for Secretary for Transport and Housing

c.c. Transport Department (Attn: Ms Stella LEE)

¹ Currently, concessions are offered by the franchisee of WHC to empty taxis. From 0000 to 0700 hours, WHC toll for empty taxis using cash payment at a manual toll booth is \$10 (i.e. same as the toll of CHT), and the taxi driver is given a WHC prepaid ticket of \$5.

Cross-Harbour Tunnel, Eastern Harbour Crossing, Lion Rock Tunnel and Eagle's Nest and Sha Tin Heights Tunnel**Summary of Financial Information for the 2016-17 Financial Year**

(\$ Million)	Cross-Harbour Tunnel	Eastern Harbour Crossing^{Note 1}	Lion Rock Tunnel	Eagle's Nest and Sha Tin Heights Tunnel
Toll charges	695.6	549.5	271.5	162.2
Miscellaneous receipts	38.4	5.8	1.0	0.6
Expenditure ^{Note 2}	(69.7)	(67.0)	(74.8)	(300.0)

Note 1 : The Eastern Harbour Crossing became a government tunnel on 7 August 2016 upon the expiry of its "Build-Operate-Transfer" franchise. The figures on the Eastern Harbour Crossing in the above table represent the financial information of the tunnel for the period from 7 August 2016 to 31 March 2017.

Note 2 : The Cross-Harbour Tunnel and the Eastern Harbour Crossing are "Build-Operate-Transfer" projects and the capital costs of these two tunnels were not contributed by the Government. The figures on expenditure of Cross-Harbour Tunnel and Eastern Harbour Crossing in the above table only represent the fees paid to their management, operation and maintenance ("MOM") contractors. Lion Rock Tunnel and Eagle's Nest and Sha Tin Heights Tunnel were constructed by the Government. The figures on the expenditure of Lion Rock Tunnel and Eagle's Nest and Sha Tin Heights Tunnel include the fees paid to their MOM contractors and depreciation charges, etc. The 2016-17 operating accounts of government toll-tunnels are available at the Transport Department's website (http://www.td.gov.hk/en/about_us/toll_licence_fee/index.html).