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

(Fax no.: 2840 0269)

Dear Mr. WOO,

Panel on Transport
Follow-up to the Meeting on 23 February 2018

Operating Arrangements for the Hong Kong Section of the
Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link

I refer to the letter dated 9 March 2018 regarding the captioned.

Regarding the train scheduling arrangement for the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL), our letter dated 8 February 2018 replied that there would be 114 daily train pairs during peak periods to the four short-haul stops at Futian, Shenzhen North, Humen, and Guangzhou South at the early stage of commissioning. Peak periods include the general holidays of Hong Kong and public holidays in the Mainland and its connecting weekends, summer holidays during July and August every year, and the Spring Festival travel seasons in the Mainland, which account for around 130 days in a year (about one-third of a year).

The actual operating arrangements and the ultimate financial position of the Hong Kong Section of the XRL will depend on the outcomes of the discussion with the China Railway Corporation (CR). The Government continues to discuss with CR the financial and related matters and will announce the outcomes of the discussion and details of operating arrangements to the Panel on Transport of the Legislative Council and the public at an appropriate time, and will update the figures based on the outcomes of the discussion with CR.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Transport and Housing

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