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Public Works Subcommittee of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council

Minutes of the 9th meeting held in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex on Monday, 21 January 2019, at 10:45 am

Members present:

Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP (Chairman) Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP (Deputy Chairman) Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP Hon Claudia MO Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP Hon WU Chi-wai, MH Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP Hon CHAN Chi-chuen Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung Hon Alvin YEUNG Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin Hon CHU Hoi-dick Hon HO Kai-ming Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH

Hon Tanya CHAN Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP Hon HUI Chi-fung Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai Hon AU Nok-hin Hon AU Nok-hin Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS Hon CHAN Hoi-yan

Members absent:

Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP Hon KWONG Chun-yu

Public officers attending:

Mr Raistlin LAU Chun, JP	Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)3
Mr LAM Sai-hung, JP	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)
Ms Bernadette LINN, JP	Permanent Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands)
Mr Donald TONG Chi-keung, JP	Permanent Secretary for the Environment
Ms Margaret HSIA Mai-chi	Principal Assistant Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) (Works)

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Mr David LAM Chi-man	Principal Assistant Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands)5
Mr Chris FUNG Pan-chung	Principal Assistant Secretary for Food and Health (Health)3
Mr Albert CHEUNG Ka-lok	Assistant Director of Lands (Specialist)3
Mrs Sylvia LAM YU Ka-wai, JP	Director of Architectural Services
Mr LEUNG Kam-pui	Assistant Director of Architectural Services (Property Services)
Mr Edwin TONG Ka-hung, JP	Director of Drainage Services
Mr Ricky LAU Chun-kit, JP	Director of Civil Engineering and Development
Mr WONG Chuen-fai	Assistant Director of Environmental Protection (Environmental Infrastructure)
Mr Tony CHEUNG Wai-hung	Principal Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Management Policy) Environmental Protection Department
Mr CHUI Wing-wah	Deputy Director of Highways
Mr Tony LOK Kim-wa	Deputy Project Manager (Major Works)1 Highways Department
Ms Eugenia CHUNG Nga-chi, JP	Assistant Director of Home Affairs (2)
Mr Martin KWAN Wai-cheong	Chief Engineer (Works) Home Affairs Department
Miss Winnie WONG Ming-wai	Deputy Secretary-General (1) University Grants Committee Secretariat
Mr LEE Sin-wah	Chief Maintenance Surveyor (School Premises Maintenance) Education Bureau

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Ms PING Tak-wai	Senior Maintenance Surveyor (School Premises Maintenance) Education Bureau
Mr Alex WONG Kwok-chun	Assistant Director of Social Welfare (Subventions)
Mr TAN Tick-yee	Assistant Director of Social Welfare (Elderly)
Mr NG Yiu-hing	Chief Executive Officer (Planning)1 Social Welfare Department
Mr WONG Chung-leung, JP	Director of Water Supplies
Mr Gavin WAH Kwok-kee	Chief Systems Manager (Governance and Resources) Office of the Government Chief Information Officer
Mr Michael HONG Wing-kit	Chief Civil Engineer (Public Works Programme) Transport and Housing Bureau
Clerk in attendance:	
Ms Doris LO	Chief Council Secretary (1)2
Staff in attendance:	
Miss Rita YUNG Ms Christina SHIU Ms Christy YAU Ms Clara LO	Senior Council Secretary (1)2 Legislative Assistant (1)2 Legislative Assistant (1)8 Legislative Assistant (1)9

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<u>The Chairman</u> advised that there were three funding proposals on the agenda for the meeting. The first and the second proposals were items carried over from the previous meeting, while the third proposal was a new submission from the Administration. He reminded members that in accordance with Rule 83A of the Rules of Procedure ("RoP") of the Legislative Council ("LegCo"), they should disclose the nature of any direct

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or indirect pecuniary interests relating to the funding proposals under discussion at the meeting before they spoke on the proposals. He also drew members' attention to Rule 84 of RoP on voting in case of direct pecuniary interest.

Capital Works Reserve Fund Block Allocations PWSC(2018-19)35 — Provision for Capital Works Reserve Fund block allocations in 2019-20

2. <u>The Chairman</u> advised that the proposal, i.e. <u>PWSC(2018-19)35</u>, was to seek the approval of an allocation of \$15,094 million for the block allocation subheads under the Capital Works Reserve Fund ("CWRF") for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. The Subcommittee had commenced deliberation on the proposal at the meeting on 16 January 2019.

Head 701 Land Acquisition

Subhead 1004CA — Compensation for surrenders and resumptions: miscellaneous Subhead 1100CA — Compensation and ex-gratia allowances in respect of projects in the Public Works Programme

3. <u>Mr CHU Hoi-dick</u> enquired, if the actual expenditure under the two subheads, i.e. 1004CA and 1100CA, in a given year exceeded the approved allocations for that year, whether the Administration had to seek the approval from the Finance Committee ("FC") for supplementary provisions. <u>Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)3</u> ("DS(Tsy)3/FSTB") replied that if the revised estimates of Subheads 1004CA and 1100CA in a financial year exceeded the approved estimates for that year, the Administration had to seek supplementary provisions from FC in order to increase the amount of the approved allocations of the relevant subheads. Apart from Subheads 1004CA and 1100CA, the Financial Secretary ("FS"), with the authority delegated by FC, might increase the approved allocations of individual block allocation subheads in the financial year, subject to a limit of \$15 million.

4. Regarding the two items "Resumption of land for development at Wang Chau, Yuen Long" and "Road works — site formation and infrastructure works for development at Wang Chau, Yuen Long", <u>Mr CHU Hoi-dick</u> pointed out that the Administration had made an undertaking in the end of 2017 that land resumption and land clearance would not be commenced until funding approval for the main works had been obtained for the public works projects ("PWPs") concerned. However, cost

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had been incurred under the above two items in 2017-2018 when the funding application for the main works of development at Wang Chau, Yuen Long had yet to be considered by FC. He enquired about the reasons for that.

5. <u>Assistant Director of Lands (Specialist)3</u> ("AD(S)3/LandsD") clarified that the aforementioned cost was related to land resumption work that had been completed in August 2017. In other words, the relevant work had been completed before the Administration gave an undertaking to LegCo to make the arrangement mentioned by Mr CHU. <u>The Chairman</u> also pointed out that the Administration made the undertaking referred to by Mr CHU only in January 2018 when the Subcommittee considered the CWRF block allocations for 2018-2019.

Head 703 Buildings

Subhead 3004GX — Refurbishment of government buildings for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme

6. <u>Mr CHAN Chi-chuen</u> enquired about the details of the project on "Refurbishment of athletic track and warm up area in Wan Chai Sports Ground". <u>Director of Architectural Services</u> ("DArchS") replied that the relevant works sought to resurface the athletic track and warm up area in Wan Chai Sports Ground. She said that the plastic granules used for the surfacing of sports grounds generally had a serviceable life of five to seven years. The Architectural Services Department ("ArchSD") needed to refurbish the sports grounds under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD") on a regular basis.

7. <u>Mr CHAN Chi-chuen</u> enquired about the expected serviceable life of the refurbished facilities after completion of the above works, and whether the Administration had a plan to demolish Wan Chai Sports Ground. <u>The</u> <u>Administration</u> undertook to provide a written response to Mr CHAN's questions after the meeting.

(*Post-meeting note:* The supplementary information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide <u>LC Paper No.</u> <u>PWSC99/18-19(01)</u> (Chinese version) on 29 January 2019.)

8. <u>Mr CHU Hoi-dick</u> noted that in the full list of items proposed to be funded under the CWRF block allocations for 2019-2020 (i.e. <u>LC Paper No.</u> <u>PWSC45/18-19(01)</u>) provided by the Administration for the Subcommittee ("the 2019-2020 full list"), a single consolidated item "Refurbishment of government buildings" was found among the "Previously approved items and other items to commence in 2018-19 with expected expenditure in 2018-19

and/or 2019-20" under Subhead 3004GX while information on individual projects was not available. <u>Mr CHU</u> enquired about the reasons for the difference in the way of presentation from other subheads.

9. <u>DArchS</u> replied that ArchSD, being responsible for the repair and maintenance of over 8 000 government buildings, was required to carry out a lot of refurbishment works every year. It was therefore the established practice of ArchSD to present the cost estimates of on-going refurbishment works as a consolidated item.

10. Regarding the project on "043/19 — Refurbishment of 4 water slides, male and female changing rooms to swimming pool and shelter at G/F entrance lobby — Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool", <u>Mr CHU Hoi-dick</u> said that as relayed by some residents of Tin Shui Wai, the anti-slip performance of the floor in the female changing room of Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool was not satisfactory and there had been cases where swimmers slipped and injured themselves. <u>Mr CHU</u> enquired how the above refurbishment works could address the issue. In response, <u>DArchS</u> said that the floor tiles used in government construction works must comply with the specified international anti-slip standards.

11. <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> pointed out that LCSD had planned long ago to retrofit the main arena of Fung Shue Wo Sports Centre in Tsing Yi with an air-conditioning system. He enquired about the reasons why the venue had still not yet been retrofitted with an air-conditioning system. <u>The Administration</u> undertook to provide a written response to Dr KWOK's questions after the meeting.

(*Post-meeting note:* The supplementary information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide <u>LC Paper No.</u> <u>PWSC99/18-19(01)</u> (Chinese version) on 29 January 2019.)

Subhead 3100GX — Project feasibility studies, minor investigations and consultants' fees for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme

12. Regarding the project on "187GK — The development of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department Animal Management and Animal Welfare Building Complex in Kai Tak Development — minor investigations and consultants' fees", <u>Mr CHU Hoi-dick</u> enquired about the number of animals the proposed complex could accommodate. <u>DArchS</u> replied that the Administration planned to build the proposed complex to reprovision the existing Animal Management Centre/Kowloon currently located at Sung Wong Toi Road, To Kwa Wan, and meet the operation and office accommodation needs of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department. According to the Administration's preliminary planning, the proposed complex was expected to have about 200 animal keeping facilities.

3101GX — Minor building works for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme

13. <u>Mr CHAN Chi-chuen and Mr CHU Hoi-dick</u> were concerned that the project on "HQ107 — HKSAR's participation in the 2019 Beijing International Horticultural Exposition — Hong Kong Garden" was not included in the CWRF block allocations proposal for 2018-2019 (PWSC(2017-18)25). However, the actual expenditure of the item had exceeded \$6.5 million as at end-August 2018 according to the 2019-2020 full list. They queried that the information provided by the Administration was incomplete, making it difficult for members to duly monitor the expenditure of the relevant project.

14. <u>DArchS</u> replied that the above item was not reflected in the submission of the CWRF block allocations proposal for 2018-2019 (PWSC(2017-18)25) because the project had not been finalized when the submission was being drafted. <u>DS(Tsy)3/FSTB</u> supplemented that the Administration had been compiling exception reports on block allocations under CWRF to account for the major difference between the actual programme and the indicative one presented to members when seeking funding approval. The report set out, among other things, projects that were implemented in the year as planned, new injection items (i.e. items that were not shown in the indicative list of the block allocations proposal but were created after FC approved the block allocations proposal) approved in the year, and projects that could not be implemented as planned, so as to keep members informed of the details of actual expenditure under various block allocation subheads in the year.

15. Regarding the project on "Alteration and improvement works for Y Loft of Youth Square, Chai Wan", <u>Ms Tanya CHAN</u> enquired why Y Loft of Youth Square in Chai Wan ("Y Loft"), which had commenced operation for just a few years, would require alteration and improvement works. She also queried that the relevant works were outside the scope of the repair and maintenance responsibilities of ArchSD in respect of government buildings or buildings of publicly funded organizations. Carrying out the relevant works was using public money to take up the responsibilities of the relevant operator to maintain Y Loft.

16. <u>DArchS</u> replied that Y Loft was a government building developed with government funding on a site zoned for Government, Institution or Community use. Under the management contract between the Home Affairs

Bureau and the operator responsible for the day-to-day management and operation of Youth Square (included Y Loft), the operator should undertake the day-to-day routine servicing, repair and maintenance with a view to maintaining the serviceability of the facilities of Youth Square. On the other hand, ArchSD was responsible for scheduled refurbishment and large-scale building repair and maintenance works. As Y Loft began operation in December 2009 which was nearly 10 years ago, the existing facilities had been subject to normal depreciation and wear and tear. Renovation works on a larger scale were necessary to enhance the market competitiveness of Y Loft. Besides, the Administration also intended to improve the facilities in Y Loft through the relevant works, such as installation of power sockets compatible with modern electronic devices, enhancement to the Wi-Fi infrastructure, installation of energy-saving lighting facilities, and installation of smart living features. She pointed out that the relevant alteration and improvement works were not part of the routine repair and maintenance under the management contract.

17. Regarding the project on "Proposed conversion of the existing vacant school premises for setting up of a new integrated vocational training centre at 1D Oxford Road, Kowloon Tong", <u>Dr CHENG Chung-tai</u> noted that the above project was part of the transitional plan for the reprovisioning of Shine Skills Centre (Kwun Tong) ("SSC(KT)"), which aimed at maintaining continual provision of the services currently provided by SSC(KT) while pending completion of the new premises to be reprovisioned locally in Kwun Tong. <u>Dr CHENG</u> was concerned whether the facilities at the aforementioned vacant school premises, after conversion, could meet the needs of the trainees of the SSC.

18. <u>DArchS</u> replied that the Administration was working with the Vocational Training Council ("VTC") on the proposed facilities and the relevant project requirements to ensure that the temporary school premises would properly facilitate the services provided by the SSC of VTC. The above works would involve improvement/upgrading of the basic facilities of the existing school premises, such as the fire service system, overall structure, barrier-free facilities and electricity supply system, in order to meet the general safety standards of buildings under the current legislation and cater for SSC's teaching purposes.

19. <u>Mr CHU Hoi-dick</u> sought details of the project on "RT-E52 — Completion of the remaining works of the ex-ATV Hilltop Transmitting Station at Lamma Island". <u>DArchS</u> replied that the transmitting station concerned was handed over to Radio Television Hong Kong ("RTHK") after ATV ceased operation. The above works project was entrusted to ArchSD by RTHK.

20. <u>Mr CHU Hoi-dick</u> sought details of the project on "HQ111 — Pilot Scheme for Upgrading of Ferry Piers — Yung Shue Wan Ferry Pier". <u>DArchS</u> replied that the relevant works involved the general improvement of Yung Shue Wan Ferry Pier, such as improving its seating and illumination, so as to provide ferry passengers with a better waiting environment. The Transport Department had consulted the Islands District Council on the relevant works. The Administration intended to commence the works in 2019.

21. <u>Mr CHU Hoi-dick</u> pointed out that the Panel on Development had discussed in July 2018 the creation of a new block allocation subhead under CWRF for accelerating the project delivery of the pier improvement items under the "Pier Improvement Programme" ("PIP"). He enquired whether the above pilot scheme was among the pier improvement items under PIP; if not, the Administration should explain how the works concerned were different from others. <u>The Administration</u> undertook to provide a written response to Mr CHU's questions after the meeting.

(*Post-meeting note:* The supplementary information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide <u>LC Paper No.</u> <u>PWSC99/18-19(09)</u> (Chinese version) on 29 January 2019.)

22. Regarding the project on "HQ108 — Fitting-out works for the new Policy Innovation and Coordination Office at 26/F, Central Government Offices Tamar", <u>Mr AU Nok-hin</u> considered the project estimate, which amounted up to \$27 million, too high and queried the project scale. Besides, he enquired why an estimate of about \$4 million was still provided for the above project for 2019-2020, given that the Policy Innovation and Coordination Office had commenced operation on 1 April 2018. In response, <u>DArchS</u> said that the per-square-foot cost of the above fitting-out works was comparable to that of government offices in general, and the project scale was also broadly in line with general standards.

Head 704 Drainage

Subhead 4100DX — Drainage works, studies and investigations for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme

23. Regarding the project on "DZD1805 — Improvement of demountable flood barriers at Tai Ping Street, Tai O", <u>Mr CHU Hoi-dick</u> sought details of the revised estimate for 2018-2019 (around \$690,000). He pointed out that residents of Tai O had deep concern as to whether the Administration's flood barrier works were effective in coping with spring tides or storms, and

requested that drawings of the relevant flood barrier works be made available to residents.

24. In response, <u>Director of Drainage Services</u> said that the aforementioned estimate for 2018-2019 was provided for the improvement works of the demountable flood barriers at Tai Ping Street under the management of the Drainage Services Department ("DSD"). The Administration took note of the concerns and requests of Tai O residents. DSD and the Civil Engineering and Development Department ("CEDD") were continuing to explore ways to further improve the flood protection facilities in Tai O. Residents in Tai O would be informed of the outcome once available.

Head 705 Civil Engineering

Subhead 5101CX — Civil engineering works, studies and investigations for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme

Regarding the projects on "5H23CL — Engineering feasibility studies 25. Wan" proposed near shore reclamation at Siu Ho and for "5H95CL — Technical study on landside development at Siu Ho Wan", Mr AU Nok-hin pointed out that the society had yet to reach a consensus on the Lantau Tomorrow Vision. He opined that the Administration should not continue with the work relating to the near-shore reclamation and development at Siu Ho Wan. In response, Director of Civil Engineering and Development ("DCED") advised that the proposed near-shore reclamation site at Siu Ho Wan was one of the five potential near-shore reclamation sites identified by the Administration in the study on "Enhancing Land Supply Strategy: Reclamation Outside Victoria Harbour and Rock Cavern Development" completed in 2014. The two studies mentioned above aimed mainly at assessing the preliminary engineering feasibility and formulating the initial development scope of Siu Ho Wan reclamation and the nearby landside development, and recommending initial land use themes and feasible schemes for road and railway connections. The technical studies on the two projects had been completed.

26. <u>Mr AU Nok-hin</u> requested the Administration to provide the reports of the two studies. <u>The Administration</u> undertook to provide the information requested by Mr AU after the meeting.

(*Post-meeting note:* The supplementary information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide <u>LC Paper No.</u> <u>PWSC99/18-19(09)</u> (Chinese version) on 29 January 2019.)

27. Regarding the project on "5H85CL — Transport and Land Use Assessment — feasibility study — consultants' fees", <u>Mr AU Nok-hin</u> requested the Administration to provide supplementary information on the objectives and expected completion date of the feasibility study; whether the study scope covered sites on Lantau and Hong Kong Island; and the name of the consultancy firm which would conduct the study. <u>The Administration</u> undertook to provide the information requested by Mr AU after the meeting.

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As regards the four items, namely "5G24CG - Greening Master 28. for New Territories South East -- consultants' fees and site Plans investigation", "5G25CG - Greening Master Plans for New Territories West — consultants' fees North and site investigation", "5G66CG — Greening Plans Territories Master for New South West — consultants' fees and site investigation" and "5G67CG — Greening Master Plans for New Territories North East - consultants' fees and site investigation", Mr CHU Hoi-dick enquired about the Administration's progress in developing the four greening master plans ("GMPs") mentioned above, and when it would report the progress of the relevant work to Members.

29. In response, <u>DCED</u> said that the Administration had completed the development of GMPs for the New Territories, which was then uploaded on the website of CEDD. The four projects mentioned above were the investigation and design work for implementing the proposed greening works in the relevant areas in the New Territories. The priority greening works under the GMPs for New Territories South East and New Territories North West were completed, and the design of the priority greening works under the GMPs for New Territories South West and New Territories North East were completed substantially. The Administration would submit funding applications to FC for the relevant PWPs in accordance with established procedures.

Subhead 5101DX — Environmental works, studies and investigations for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme

30. <u>Dr CHENG Chung-tai</u> sought details of "Consultancy study for refurbishment and upgrading of Island West and Island East transfer stations" and "Consultancy study for refurbishment and upgrading of West Kowloon transfer station". He also pointed out that for the seven existing refuse transfer stations ("RTSs") in Hong Kong, five were operated by operators

from the same group. The operation of some RTSs rendered them unable to flexibly cope with the large amount of refuse and fallen trees resulting from the strike of super typhoon Mangkhut on Hong Kong earlier, causing inconvenience to the trade. <u>Dr CHENG</u> enquired whether the outsourced operation of RTSs would be examined in the context of the two consultancy studies.

31. In response, Assistant Director of Environmental Protection (Environmental Infrastructure) said that the strike of super typhoon Mangkhut on Hong Kong had resulted in a large amount of refuse and fallen trees across the territory within a short period of time. The volume of refuse increased significantly by 30% to 40% as compared with that on an ordinary day. Some RTS facilities were also damaged during the onslaught of the typhoon, which affected their operation to a certain extent. He further said that the outsourced contracts for the operation of RTSs in Island West, Island East and West Kowloon were due to expire in 2022. The Administration planned to commence the two consultancy studies to examine the existing facilities and operation of the RTSs concerned and their latest operation needs, so that the facilities could be refurbished and upgraded to meet the actual needs. The Administration would award the new operation contracts of the RTSs by way of open tender.

32. Mr AU Nok-hin enquired about the Administration's progress of implementing "Community Green Stations" ("CGSs") across the territory. He urged the Administration to expedite the establishment of CGSs in all the 18 districts of Hong Kong. In response, Principal Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Management Policy), Environmental Protection Department ("PEPO(WMP)/EPD"), said that as at end 2018, seven CGSs had progressively been in operation across the territory. In addition, Tai Po CGS and Islands CGS were expected to commence operation in 2019, while Wan Chai CGS and Sai Kung CGS were under construction. The Administration would continue to identify suitable locations in the remaining districts for establishing CGSs. PEPO(WMP)/EPD said that the Environmental Protection Department also supported recycling in the community by providing financial support under the Environment and Conservation Fund for non-profit-making organizations to establish "community recycling networks" in different districts.

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706 Highways

Subhead 6100TX — Highway works, studies and investigations for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme

33. Regarding the project on "68FH189X — Elevated pedestrian corridor in Yuen Long Town connecting with Long Ping Station — investigation and design", <u>Mr CHU Hoi-dick</u> pointed out that the Administration had advised that no further funding proposal for construction of the above elevated pedestrian corridor would be submitted to FC for approval in the 2018-2019 legislative session. He enquired why an estimate of around \$2.6 million was still provided for the above item for 2019-2020. <u>Deputy Project</u> <u>Manager (Major Works)1</u>, <u>Highways Department</u> ("DPM(MW)1/HyD"), replied that the relevant estimate was provided to cover the consultancy study fees, which were paid by installments.

34. Regarding the project on "67NRM21I — Reconstruction of footpath with concrete paving blocks at Tsing King Road, Tsing Yi", <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> enquired about the location of the relevant works and the expected completion date. <u>Deputy Director of Highways</u> ("DDHy") replied that the above works sought to reconstruct the existing footpath at Tsing King Road, Tsing Yi, with concrete paving blocks in phases. The works were expected to be fully completed in 2020-2021.

35. <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> enquired about the project cost and the expected completion date of "67NRH41J — Waterproofing works at covered walkway no. NCW114 along Tsing King Road, Tsing Yi". <u>The Administration</u> undertook to provide a written response to Dr KWOK's questions after the meeting.

(*Post-meeting note:* The supplementary information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide <u>LC Paper No.</u> <u>PWSC99/18-19(09)</u> (Chinese version) on 29 January 2019.)

36. <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> enquired about the Administration's implementation timetable in respect of "Widening of Tsuen Wan Road, extension of existing vehicular bridge at Texaco Road and the associated junction improvement works — investigation", and the expected commencement date of the relevant works. <u>DPM(MW)1/HyD</u> replied that the Administration appointed a consultant to study the widening of Tsuen Wan Road, extension of the existing vehicular bridge at Texaco Road and the associated junction improvement works with a view to commencing the investigation in the second quarter of 2019 and the expected completion date was 2022.

37. <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> requested the Administration to re-examine the possibility of advancing the expected completion date of the above investigation, so that the relevant works could commence as soon as possible to address the traffic congestion in the vicinity of Texaco Road. <u>The Administration</u> undertook to provide a written response to Dr KWOK's request after the meeting.

(*Post-meeting note:* The supplementary information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide <u>LC Paper No.</u> <u>PWSC99/18-19(09)</u> (Chinese version) on 29 January 2019.)

38. Regarding the project on "Electronic road pricing pilot scheme in Central and its adjacent areas — feasibility study", <u>Ms Tanya CHAN</u> enquired when the Administration commenced the above feasibility study and the next step in its plan for implementing electronic road pricing ("ERP"). <u>DDHy</u> said that the feasibility study commenced in December 2017 to examine the feasibility of implementing the ERP pilot scheme in Central and its adjacent areas. The Administration planned to put forward the preliminary options for the pilot scheme after completion of the feasibility study in mid-2019 for consultation with stakeholders.

39. Regarding the project "Pedestrian subways on in Causeway Bay --- feasibility study", Ms Tanya CHAN enquired about the coverage of the proposed pedestrian subways and the expected completion date of the feasibility study. DPM(MW)1/HyD replied that the scope of the study included reviewing the feasibility of providing pedestrian subways to connect Victoria Park to Wong Nai Chung Road and examining different improvement measures for pedestrian crossing. In formulating the proposal for the proposed pedestrian network, the Administration would gauge public views and consult the relevant District Council. The study had commenced in July 2018 and was expected to be completed in the first half of 2020.

40. Regarding the project on "Replacement of road lights with lights (New Territories light-emitting diode West) (2019-20)", Mr WU Chi-wai enquired how light-emitting diode ("LED") lights compared with the road lights currently in use in terms of energy saving. DDHy replied that there were more than 140 000 road lamps in Hong Kong at The Administration planned to replace these road lamps with present. LED lights on a district basis in phases having regard to their conditions. Generally speaking, LED road lights reduced energy consumption by around 20% to 30% compared with the existing high pressure sodium lamps, and had a longer serviceable life.

41. <u>Mr WU Chi-wai</u> requested the Administration to provide supplementary information on its overall planning and timetable of replacing the existing some 140 000 road lamps in Hong Kong with LED lights.

(*Post-meeting note:* The supplementary information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide <u>LC Paper No.</u> <u>PWSC99/18-19(09)</u> (Chinese version) on 29 January 2019.)

Head 707 New Towns and Urban Area Development

7016CX — District Minor Works Programme

42. <u>Mr Alvin YEUNG</u> sought details of the project on "Improvement of lock sets for lockers of changing rooms in Sham Shui Po Park Swimming Pool". <u>Chief Engineer (Works)</u>, <u>Home Affairs Department</u>, replied that in view of the spate of locker theft cases in the changing rooms of public swimming pools in Sham Shui Po in recent years, the Administration arranged the improvement works of the lock sets for the lockers of the changing rooms in Sham Shui Po Park Swimming Pool, under which more than 2 500 existing lock sets would be replaced with those equipped with enhanced theft-proof features to strengthen security.

43. Dr KWOK Ka-ki said that in the Report No. 57 of the Director of Audit tabled in LegCo in October 2011, the Director of Audit pointed out that the Home Affairs Department ("HAD") did not have a systematic project evaluation and performance reporting mechanism to measure the effectiveness of the District Minor Works ("DMW") Programme (including utilization of the facilities of completed projects, and user satisfaction with Dr KWOK enquired whether the Administration had these facilities). followed up on that afterwards and reviewed the effectiveness of the DMW Programme. He also pointed out that according to some Tsing Yi residents, the space between the supporting poles of a rain shelter on Liu To Road, Tsing Yi, was too narrow, causing inconvenience to residents alighting from vehicles at the location. He enquired whether the Administration had reviewed the design problem of that rain shelter.

44. In response, <u>Assistant Director of Home Affairs (2)</u> ("AD(2)/HAD") said that HAD had commissioned an independent survey firm to conduct a survey on the level of public awareness and satisfaction in respect of DMW facilities completed after 2013 by way of telephone survey and face-to-face interviews. The results indicated an overall respondent satisfaction level at 6.3. HAD was planning to conduct another similar survey in 2019. HAD took note of the problem with the rain shelter on Liu To Road, Tsing Yi, and was looking for relevant improvement measures.

Subhead 7017CX — Signature Project Scheme

Regarding the two projects on "WC-SPS001 - Preparatory and 45. pre-construction works for construction of Moreton Terrace Activities Centre (Wan Chai District)" and "KT-SPS001 — Pre-construction works. consultancy fee and study for construction of music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade (Kwun Tong District)", Mr AU Nok-hin pointed out that Members still had many dissenting views on the implementation of the two aforesaid projects under the Signature Project Scheme ("SPS"). He enquired how these two projects would address Members' comments. In response, AD(2)/HAD advised that the two items covered the costs of planning and design of the works-related components of the two SPS projects, including those related to project feasibility and consultancy work. The two pre-construction studies had been completed before the funding proposal was submitted to the Subcommittee and FC. The estimates provided for the two items for 2019-2020 were used to pay the consultancy fees incurred in the tender process.

46. <u>Mr AU Nok-hin</u> sought details of the reprovisioning arrangement for the volleyball courts at the Moreton Terrace Temporary Playground to be demolished for the construction of the Moreton Terrace Activities Centre. <u>AD(2)/HAD</u> replied that the Government had reprovisioned the volleyball courts at Victoria Park. The venue would also be used as handball courts. Besides, given the demand of Wan Chai residents for outdoor volleyball courts, the Administration was considering providing an additional volleyball court on Ka Ning Path so that Wan Chai residents would have more recreational facilities. She added that the additional volleyball court on Ka Ning Path, if built, would not be included under Subhead 7017CX.

47. <u>Mr AU Nok-hin</u> was concerned whether the water used in the music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade would increase the risk of pathogen spreading. He enquired whether the pre-construction consultancy study would examine the relevant issue. <u>AD(2)/HAD</u> replied that the issue mentioned by Mr AU was outside the scope of the pre-construction consultancy study.

Subhead 7100CX — New towns and urban area works, studies and investigations for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme

48. Regarding the project on "Boardwalk underneath the Island Eastern Corridor — detailed design", <u>Ms Tanya CHAN</u> enquired about the width of the boardwalk. She also suggested that the Administration should provide drinking fountains on the boardwalk for public use. In response, <u>DCED</u>

said that the Administration had conducted a two-stage community engagement exercise and consulted the Eastern District Council and the Harbourfront Commission on the construction of the boardwalk. The Administration was examining in detail the comments collected, including those on the width and alignment of the boardwalk and ancillary facilities, in order to proceed with the detailed design. Further public views would be sought when a revised proposal for the boardwalk was available.

49. Regarding the project on "Feasibility study on environmentally friendly transport services in Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area and adjacent areas", <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> urged the Administration to actively consider other types of environmentally friendly transport services, such as electric buses and minibuses, in addition to railway. He requested the Administration to provide supplementary information on the scope of the above feasibility study, including the types of environmentally friendly transport services to be covered.

(*Post-meeting note:* The supplementary information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide <u>LC Paper No.</u> <u>PWSC99/18-19(09)</u> (Chinese version) on 29 January 2019.)

50. Dr KWOK Ka-ki sought details of "Feasibility study on fostering a pedestrian and bicycle-friendly environment in Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area and Yuen Long South development". In response, DCED said that the Administration would actively promote commuting by bicycle in Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area and Yuen Long South. The feasibility study would explore the best alignment of the pedestrian walkways and cycle tracks and the related ancillary facilities, including different forms of crossing facilities, cycle parking area and bicycle rental service. The Administration would formulate an outline plan on fostering a pedestrian and bicycle-friendly environment for the future planning of Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area and Yuen Long South development.

51. <u>Mr Jeremy TAM</u> sought details of the project on "Reconfiguration of the Kwun Tong Vehicular Ferry Pier and the associated works — design and site investigation". <u>DCED</u> replied that for reconfiguration of the Kwun Tong Vehicular Ferry Pier, the Kwun Tong Driving School now located at the pier would be relocated. The Administration planned to commence the new project in 2019-2020, so that the facilities at the pier site could be reconfigured to release more public open space for the enjoyment of the public. The cost estimate of the project was \$400,000 for the first year (i.e. 2019-2020).

52. <u>Mr CHU Hoi-dick</u> enquired about the progress of the project on "7D67CL — Planning and engineering study on future land use at ex-Lamma Quarry Area at Sok Kwu Wan, Lamma Island — feasibility study". <u>DCED</u> said that the above feasibility study was underway. It was initially recommended that the ex-Lamma Quarry Area was suitable for housing development, tourism and recreation purposes. The Government was considering the proposed land use planning and development model of the relevant site in a holistic manner, after which a decision would be made on the way forward for the development.

Head 709 Waterworks

Subhead 9100WX — Waterworks, studies and investigations for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme

53. <u>Ms Tanya CHAN</u> requested the Administration to provide supplementary information on the follow-up work carried out by the Water Supplies Department ("WSD") on the mains identified as "main burst hot spots" (i.e. locations with repeated water main bursts), including information on improvement projects that were completed, underway or being planned.

(*Post-meeting note:* The supplementary information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide <u>LC Paper No.</u> <u>PWSC99/18-19(09)</u> (Chinese version) on 29 January 2019.)

54. Ms Tanya CHAN enquired whether the cost of WSD's development Intelligent Network ("WIN") under of the Water was funded Subhead 9100WX. Director of Water Supplies replied that the Administration planned to submit a funding proposal for implementing the remaining works of WIN development as a Category A item of the Public Works Programme for the endorsement approval of the Subcommittee and FC in 2018-2019.

Head 710 Computerisation

Subhead A007GX — New Administrative Computer Systems

55. Regarding the project on "Implementation of special rates system, Rating and Valuation Department", <u>Mr Tony TSE</u> enquired about the purpose of setting up the system. <u>Chief Systems Manager (Governance and</u> <u>Resources)</u>, <u>Office of the Government Chief Information Officer</u>, replied that the proposed special rates system was set up in the light of the introduction of the Special Rates on vacant first-hand private residential units. 56. <u>Mr CHAN Chi-chuen</u> enquired about the functions and target users of the computer system under the item of "Pilot Implementation of a New Drafting Template for Committee Stage Amendments (CSAs) to Bills". He also enquired about the functions of the "Private Recreational Leases Data Management System" being developed and how different it was from the existing system. <u>The Administration</u> undertook to provide the information requested by Mr CHAN's after the meeting.

(*Post-meeting note:* The supplementary information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide <u>LC Paper No.</u> <u>PWSC99/18-19(09)</u> (Chinese version) on 29 January 2019.)

Head 711 Housing

Subhead B100HX — Minor housing development related works, studies and investigations for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme

57. Regarding the project on "Site formation and infrastructure works for proposed housing development at Tsing Yi Road West, Tsing Yi — feasibility study", <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> enquired about the expected completion date of the feasibility study and the next step in the Administration's plan after its completion. <u>Chief Civil Engineer (Public Works Programme)</u>, <u>Transport and Housing Bureau</u> ("CCE(PWP)/THB"), replied that the project sought to conduct a feasibility study on the land use for public housing development at Tsing Yi Road West and was expected to be completed in 2020. The Administration would commence the related rezoning procedure if the feasibility of the relevant public housing development was ascertained.

58. <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> requested the Administration to provide supplementary information on the scope of the land involved in the feasibility study for public housing development.

(*Post-meeting note:* The supplementary information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide <u>LC Paper No.</u> <u>PWSC99/18-19(09)</u> (Chinese version) on 29 January 2019.)

59. Regarding the project on "Site formation and infrastructure works for remaining phases of public housing development at Wang Chau, Yuen Long — design and investigation", <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> enquired about the Administration's timetable for implementing Phases 2 and 3 of the public housing development at Wang Chau, Yuen Long. <u>CCE(PWP)/THB</u> replied that the relevant technical feasibility study was in the final stage and was expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2019. The study would set

out a timetable for the development concerned. The Government was expected to commence the relevant rezoning procedure in due course.

Other issues

60. <u>Mr Tony TSE</u> expressed support for the CWRF block allocations proposal for 2019-2020. Referring to the subheads which were subject to the financial ceiling of \$30 million for each item, he enquired whether the Administration would split projects with a cost estimate exceeding \$30 million into smaller projects in order to include them under the block allocations proposal. <u>DS(Tsy)3/FSTB</u> said that projects with a cost estimate exceeding \$30 million would be submitted to the Subcommittee and FC for separate approval as Category A items of the Public Works Programme. The Administration would not split such projects into smaller ones in order to include them under the block allocations proposal.

Motions proposed under paragraph 32A of the Public Works Subcommittee Procedure

61. The Chairman said that he had received one motion proposed by Mr CHU Hoi-dick under paragraph 32A of the Public Works Subcommittee ("PWSC") Procedure. The Chairman pointed out that the agenda item (i.e. PWSC(2018-19)35) sought the approval of block allocations under CWRF, and was not related to reviewing or revising the CWRF block allocations After examining the proposed motion by Mr CHU Hoi-dick mechanism. (which urged the Government to review immediately the delegated authority in respect of the financial ceiling of Subhead 1100CA under Head 701 of CWRF), the Chairman considered that the motion, which involved a review of the CWRF block allocations mechanism, was not directly related to the agenda item. He therefore would not put the motion to the Subcommittee to decide whether it should be proceeded with. The Chairman said that the Public Works Subcommittee would deal with the block allocations proposal in accordance with established procedure. Mr CHU Hoi-dick's views on the relevant mechanism could be brought up on other suitable occasions.

62. In response to Mr CHU Hoi-dick's enquiry about whether he could propose other motions on the agenda item under paragraph 32A of the PWSC Procedure, the Chairman said that paragraph 32A of the PWSC Procedure stipulated that during the deliberation of an agenda item, each member might propose no more than one of such motions without notice. As Mr CHU had proposed one of such motions on the agenda item and the Chairman had decided that it was not in order and should not be proceeded with, Mr CHU could not further propose such motions on the agenda item.

63. <u>The Chairman</u> advised that the Subcommittee would continue to discuss this item at the next meeting. The meeting ended at 12:46 pm.

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