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Clerk to Public Works Subcommittee
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road, Central
Hong Kong
(Attn: Ms Doris LO)

Dear Ms LO,

**Public Works Subcommittee
Follow-up to meeting on 30 January 2019**

At the Public Works Subcommittee meeting held on 30 January 2019, Members requested the Government to provide supplementary information on the agenda item "Provision for Capital Works Reserve Fund block allocations in 2019-20". The Government's response, prepared in consultation with relevant bureaux/ departments, is provided at **Enclosure** for reference.

Yours sincerely,

(Original signed)

(Margaret HSIA)
for Secretary for Financial Services
and the Treasury

Head 703 Subhead 3101GX

HQ107 - HKSAR's participation in the 2019 Beijing International Horticultural Exposition - Hong Kong Garden ("Hong Kong Garden Project")

- 1. At the request of the Hon CHAN Chi-chuen, the Government was to provide a detailed breakdown of the estimate for the Hong Kong Garden Project (\$29.5 million) by planned expenditure items.**

Detailed breakdown of the \$29.5 million project estimate is as follows:

	\$ million
Site formation works	2.7
Building services	3.0
External works and drainage works	19.8
Consultant's fee and others	2.3
Contingency	1.7
Total	29.5

Head 708 Subhead 8083MM

One-off Grant to the Hospital Authority for Minor Works Projects

- 2. At the request of Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai with regard to the one-off grant previously approved by the Finance Committee to the Hospital Authority for carrying out minor works projects (Subhead 8083MM), the Government was to provide supplementary information on the position of the grant for increasing hospital beds.**

To provide sufficient resources and allow greater flexibility for the Hospital Authority (HA) to plan and implement more intensive programmes to improve the condition and environment of HA's ageing facilities, and to enhance their service capacity to complement other major new hospital or hospital renovation projects, the Legislative Council Finance Committee approved on 20 December 2013 a one-off grant of \$13 billion under the Capital Works Reserve Fund (CWRF) Head 708 Subhead 8083MM to HA for carrying out minor works projects in the next ten years or so starting from 2014-15. Each individual item is subject to a financial ceiling of \$75 million.

Since April 2014, the one-off grant under Subhead 8083MM has replaced the block allocation to HA through CWRF Head 708 Subhead 8100MX – "Hospital Authority – improvement works, feasibility studies, investigations and pre-contract consultancy services for building projects" until the one-off grant is depleted.

As at January 2019, over 600 additional hospital beds have been provided through ward renovation in minor works projects funded under Subhead 8083MM.

Head 701 Subhead 1100CA

Road works - site formation and infrastructure works for development at Kam Tin South, Yuen Long - advance works

- 3. At the request of the Hon CHU Hoi-dick, the Government was to provide supplementary information on whether there is any plan to provide permanent toilet facilities at the Tai Lam Tunnel Bus-Bus Interchange.**

To tie in with the development of the area and the increase in usage of the Tai Lam Tunnel Interchange, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) recognised the need to provide clean and hygienic public toilet facilities in the subject area, and has devised short, medium and long-term measures for this purpose.

The long-term measure is to identify a site in the subject area for constructing a permanent public toilet. FEHD has, in collaboration with Route 3 (CPS) Company Limited and relevant government departments, studied the feasibility of constructing the permanent public toilet and will update the progress in due course.

Head 709 Subhead 9100WX

- 4. At the request of the Hon Tanya CHAN, the Government was to provide supplementary information on when the improvement of fresh water mains at the burst hot spot at Third Street (near Pok Fu Lam Road) in Central and Western District would commence.**

The proposed improvement works at the concerned main burst hot spot are under detailed planning by the Water Supplies Department (WSD). Application for Excavation Permit is underway with a view to obtaining approval in the first quarter of 2019. The WSD expected to commence works in the second quarter for completion in the third quarter of 2019.