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Legislative Council Legislative Council Complex, Legislative Council Road, Central, Hong Kong

Dear Sir,

## **Public Accounts Committee**

## **Consideration of Chapter 6 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 71**

## **Barrier-free facilities at government premises**

I refer to your letter of 19 December 2018 and our subsequent email exchanges concerning the above. According to paragraph 2.16(b)(i), 13 premises/facilities had been reviewed and considered not necessary with detailed justifications as below:

- (i) Seven facilities are footbridges connecting adjacent footpaths at both ends at grade. As there is no level difference at the connections, barrier-free facilities are considered not necessary;
- (ii) Four facilities are subways for cyclists only. While no pedestrian circulation is anticipated, barrier-free facilities are considered not necessary;
- (iii) One facility is an underpass (rather than a subway) under the elevated road connecting adjacent footpaths at both ends. As there is no level difference at the connections, barrier-free facilities are considered not necessary; and
- (iv) One facility is the pier which has been modified to serve ferry service from Tsuen Wan to Ma Wan. Ferry passengers can get on and get off the ferry through a pontoon and gangway erected on the top of landing steps, barrier-free facilities are considered not necessary.

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Yours faithfully,

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