

2 December 2019

Hon Tanya CHAN  
Member  
Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of  
the West Kowloon Cultural District Project  
Room 814, Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
Central

Dear *Tanya*,

I refer to your comment made during the meeting of Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project on 25 November 2019 that a number of subcontractors on the M+ project have been in touch with your office over delays in receiving payments.

Following my response provided at the meeting on outstanding legacy payment to subcontractors previously employed by Hsin Chong Construction Company Limited (HCC), I asked my team to report to me on any outstanding cases. I can confirm that there are eight cases under the final stage of assessment – on further investigation it appears that these cases have been outstanding for some months awaiting submission of further documentation. In each case, we must study the relevant documents submitted to justify the claims, before any payment can be made. I assure you that, with the collaboration of the companies involved, these cases should be concluded before the Chinese New Year in 2020. Indeed, we will try our best to complete them sooner.

The West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (the Authority) has been working hard to ensure that the subcontractors originally under HCC with which the Authority does not have any ongoing contractual relations, could receive outstanding payment for certified work done. Our independent Contract Administrator has been coordinating the progress using clear and procedures through which the subcontractors may submit their claims with related supporting documents for verification and assessment. Any amounts and entitlements are only paid out when claims have been verified by records provided in accordance with the terms of their respective sub-contracts.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to let us know. Please feel free to contact Judy Kwan, General Manager, Communications and Public Affairs Department at 2200 0018.

Yours sincerely,



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