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Clerk to Panel on Environmental Affairs Legislative Council Secretariat Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong

(Attn: Ms Angel SHEK)

Dear Ms SHEK,

Legislative Council Panel on Environmental Affairs

4409DS - North East New Territories sewerage system upgrade

Supplementary Information

Further to the meeting of the Panel on Environmental Affairs on 22 March 2021, supplementary information is provided below in response to the Panel requesting the Government to provide the timetable for connecting 15 unsewered villages in Ta Kwu Leng to the public sewerage system.

A feasibility study for extension of sewerage system to the remaining unsewered villages in Ta Kwu Leng area has commenced and it is expected to complete in the third quarter of 2022. Then, depending on the overall financial situation of the Government, the feasible schemes arising from the study will be incorporated into Public Works Programme by batches for proceeding with detailed planning and design as well as relevant consultation and gazette work.

Based on our experience, upon successfully securing of support from villagers and completion of statutory procedures and subject to availability of resources and funding approval by the Legislative Council, the first batch of village sewerage works could be completed progressively in 2028 to 2029, which is soon after the completion of North East New Territories sewerage system upgrade works. As for the remaining villages, feasible sewage disposal schemes and implementation timetable will be further explored, depending on the outcome of the study.

Yours faithfully,

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