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Islands District Council
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Statement for opposing Lantau Tomorrow Vision plan of the Government

Ms Amy YUNG notified this Council that she would make the following statement at the Islands District Council (IDC) meeting to be held on 15 April this year:

“ The motion on supporting Lantau Tomorrow Vision (the plan) was pushed through hastily in IDC before the details of the plan were unveiled by the Government. Now that the details are announced, the Government attempts to mislead the public by concealing the details.

As such, I would like to express and put on record the following views:

1. In making funding application for infrastructure projects to the Legislative Council, the Government used to consider such factors as inflation and adopt the money-of-the-day methodology to reflect the actual cost. This time, however, the Government cites the statistics of September last year and indicates that the project will cost \$624 billion to withhold intentionally from the public that the actual cost will exceed \$1,000 billion by 2025 - an example of understatement by the Government.
2. Tsing Yi just has a population of about 200 000 but is connected with urban areas by bridges to facilitate traffic diversion. While the Government claims that East Lantau will accommodate 700 000 people, there is only one tunnel connecting the Hong Kong Island, which shows that the Government makes a fabrication of the cost of transport projects - another example of understatement by the Government.
3. As indicated by the Government, the plan will provide housing for 9 million people. However, according to the figures of the Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong's population is projected to grow to a peak of 8.22 million in 2043 and then decline, which shows that the Government exaggerates the demand arising from Hong Kong's population - an example of overstatement by the Government.
4. According to the “Hong Kong 2030+: Towards a Planning Vision and Strategy Transcending 2030” of the Planning Department, there will be a deficit of 1.06 million square metres of gross floor area for Grade A offices in core business districts by 2041,

assuming an annual growth rate of Gross Domestic Product in Hong Kong at 2.5%. The projection of a supply of commercial floor area of 4 million square metres under the plan is unrealistic - another example of overstatement by the Government.

Hong Kong is now faced with many more pressing livelihood issues, such as shortage of beds in public hospitals and the holding off of the universal retirement protection system. The Government, on the one hand, claims that there is a lack of resources to resolve the problems but it, on the other hand, embarks on white elephant projects which empty the coffers, making itself an enemy of the people. As an elected District Council member, I strongly oppose the Lantau Tomorrow Vision plan of the Government.

I would like the Development Bureau to respond to the above. ”

Islands District Council Secretariat

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