

# Transcript of remarks by SDEV at media session

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Development, Ms Bernadette Linn, at a media session after attending a radio programme today (June 17):

Reporter: Can you comment on the pay median like you mentioned in Chinese, like when will people know when they are applying, like what the pay rate would be when they are coming to Hong Kong to work?

Secretary for Development: Regarding the fields, the different trades which are in shortage and also the median wage level for the shortage trades, we will count on a special committee to be revived under the Construction Industry Council to consider the shortlist and also the list of reference wages. And after they have come up with recommendations, we would like to bring their recommendations to a new committee to be set up by the Development Bureau, and that committee will be also comprising of representatives from both the employer and employee unions, which are very familiar with the construction sector. We will consult them on the shortage trades and also the median wages, and also on this question of whether there should be sub-quotas for the individual trade in shortage within the sector.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)