

Transcript of remarks by STH

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Transport and Housing, Mr Frank Chan Fan, at a media session after attending radio programmes today (July 2):

Reporter: Mr Chan, why do you think it may be a good idea to split the Housing and Transport Bureau?

Secretary for Transport and Housing: The portfolio of the Transport and Housing Bureau is, indeed, quite wide and things are happening everyday and now and then. If we are going to enable the team to function more effectively and to take actions to address all the arising needs and concern, there is an advantage to split into two. As you can see from what has happened in the past years, our colleagues within the Transport and Housing Bureau are working really hard to cope with the daily happenings. But in terms of policy formulation and implementation, it is important that we do have time to review and to think what we are going to go ahead. If we are given more latitude with more divided (split) responsibility, then we would be able to enable the housing and transport activities to be handled more effectively.

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