

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 the Legislative Council Panel on Transport meeting today (February 15):

Reporter: Was there any negligence on the part of the Highways Department over its monitoring role? And also was there any cover-up at all as it hasn't come to light until there's a media report?

Secretary for Transport and Housing: I would say that it's far too early to speculate whether (there is) any kind of wrong-doing like this. Of course, there is natural expectation of such. I think we need to take into account the fact, record, as well as subsequent investigation. If there is anything that's gone wrong, we would tackle it.

Reporter: Is there any negligence on the part of the Highways Department over its monitoring?

Secretary for Transport and Housing: As Director Chan (Director of Highways, Mr Jimmy Chan) has just mentioned, if the staff or the team who's looking after this particular project could have been more sensitive to the report from their engineering consultant, the situation could have been better.

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