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of the Legislative Council
on 1 June 2001**

**Legal Service Division Report on
Resolution under section 23(3) of the
Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374)**

The Secretary for Transport has given notice to move a motion at the meeting of the Legislative Council on 13 June 2001. The purpose of the motion is to seek the Legislative Council's approval to further extend, for five years up to 20 June 2006, the period during which the number of registered public light buses (PLBs) may be limited.

2. Under section 23(1) of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374), the Chief Executive in Council may by notice in the Gazette limit the number of vehicles in a particular class which may be registered. The limit so notified shall remain in force for such period not exceeding 12 months but the Legislative Council may from time to time extend the period. The existing Public Light Buses (Limitation on Number) Notice (Cap. 374 sub. leg.), which limits the total number of vehicles which may be registered as public light buses to 4,350, came into operation on 20 June 1986. The period for which the limit remains in force has since been extended from time to time through resolutions of the Legislative Council and it was last extended in June 1999 for two years up to 20 June 2001.

3. According to the Secretary for Transport's draft speech, the total number of PLBs has been the same since 1976. The Administration considers it appropriate to maintain the total number of PLBs at the existing level for five years up to 20 June 2006, having regard to the patronage of PLBs in the past few years and future developments of other modes of public transport.

4. The legal and drafting aspects of the proposed resolution are in order.

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