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Dear Mr Lau,

**Follow-up on the Meeting of  
Legislative Council Panel on Transport on 22 February 2002**

**Measures to Enhance Safety of School Transport Vehicles**

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Transport held on 22 February 2002, Members were consulted on various proposed measures to enhance safety of school transport vehicles and requested the Administration to provide the following information –

- (a) details about the questionnaire survey on the views of parents/guardians in respect of their willingness to pay extra fees for the enhanced services proposed; and
- (b) the existing level of fees charged by nanny vans with and without an escort.

The Transport Department conducted a questionnaire survey in June 2001 on the views of parents/guardians on the cancellation of the “3 for 2” counting rule, provision of seat belts on school transport vehicles and compulsory escorts on school nanny vans. A total of 7,705 questionnaires were sent out and 4,863 (63%) completed copies were received from the respondents.

Parents/guardians were asked to indicate their willingness to pay more and the additional amount that they were willing to pay if the proposals to cancel the “3 for 2” counting rule and install rear seat belts on school transport vehicles were to be implemented. The results are summarised in Tables 1 and 2 at Annex.

The Transport Department has also surveyed the parents’/guardians’ willingness to pay more and the additional amount that they were willing to pay for the compulsory provision of escort service on nanny vans. The findings are set out in Tables 3 and 4.

As the above questionnaire survey did not cover information about the existing level of fees charged by nanny vans with and without an escort, the Transport Department is currently gathering such information and will report the findings to the Panel once they are available.

Yours sincerely,

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**Table 1 : Parents’/guardians’ willingness to pay more for the implementation of the proposals to cancel the “3 for 2” counting rule and install rear seat belts on school transport vehicles**

	Parents/guardians of students by school type					
	Kindergarten		Primary School		Secondary School	
	%	(No.)	%	(No.)	%	(No.)
Willing to pay more	66.8	(870)	53.4	(616)	47.9	(102)
Not willing to pay more	33.2	(432)	46.6	(538)	52.1	(111)
Total	100	(1,302)	100	(1,154)	100	(213)

**Table 2 : Additional amount that these parents/guardians are willing to pay for the implementation of the proposals to cancel the “3 for 2” counting rule and install rear seat belts on school transport vehicles**

	Parents/guardians of students by school type					
	Kindergarten		Primary School		Secondary School	
	%	(No.)	%	(No.)	%	(No.)
\$100 or below	77.6	(675)	80	(493)	62.7	(64)
Over \$100	22.4	(195)	20	(123)	37.3	(38)
Total	100	(870)	100	(616)	100	(102)

**Table 3 : Parents'/guardians' willingness to pay more for the implementation of the proposal of compulsory provision of escort service on nanny vans**

	Parents/guardians of students by school type			
	Kindergarten		Primary School	
	%	(No.)	%	(No.)
Willing to pay more	62.9	(385)	57.4	(276)
Not willing to pay more	37.1	(227)	42.6	(205)
Total	100	(612)	100	(481)

**Table 4 : Additional amount that these parents/guardians are willing to pay for the implementation of the proposal of compulsory provision of escort service on nanny vans**

	Parents/guardians of students by school type			
	Kindergarten		Primary School	
	%	(No.)	%	(No.)
\$100 or below	91.4	(352)	96.7	(267)
Over \$100	8.6	(33)	3.3	(9)
Total	100	(385)	100	(276)