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Subcommittee on
Road Traffic (Temporary Reduction of New Territories Taxi Fares)
Regulation 2003 and
Road Traffic (Temporary Reduction of New Territories Taxi Fares) (No. 2)
Regulation 2003

Meeting on
Thursday, 19 June 2003, at 1:00 pm
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

- Members present** : Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, JP (Chairman)
Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP
Hon LAU Kong-wah
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP
- Members absent** : Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, JP
- Non-Subcommittee Members present** : Hon CHAN Kwok-keung
Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP
- Public Officers attending** : Environment, Transport and Works Bureau

Mr Arthur HO
Deputy Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

Mr LAW Kin-wai
Assistant Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

Transport Department

Mr Stephen IP
Assistant Commissioner for Transport/Management &
Paratransit

Department of Justice

Mr W L CHEUNG
Senior Government Counsel

Clerk in attendance : Mr Andy LAU
Chief Assistant Secretary (1)2

Staff in attendance : Mr Stephen LAM
Assistant Legal Adviser 4

Ms Alice AU
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)5

Action

I Election of Chairman

Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung, the member who had the highest precedence among members of the Subcommittee present, presided over the election of Chairman. Ms Miriam LAU was nominated by Mr LEUNG Fu-wah and the nomination was seconded by Mr Andrew CHENG. Ms LAU accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Ms Miriam LAU was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee. She then took over the chair.

II Meeting with the Administration

(The Legislative Council Brief issued by the Environment, Transport and Works Bureau on 3 June 2003;

The Legal Service Division Report (LC Paper No. LS127/02-03) issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2458/02-03 dated 12 June 2003; and

Follow-up paper on "New Territories Taxi Temporary Fare Concession" issued by the Administration to the Panel on Transport vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1953/02-03 on 12 June 2003)

2. The Subcommittee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex A**).

Action

3. Taking note of the Administration's intention to brief members on the findings of the surveys to gauge the New Territories (NT) taxi operators' view on the temporary taxi fare concession and its views on the way forward in early July 2003, members agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday, 7 July 2003, at 10:45 am in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building.

(Post-meeting note: A sample questionnaire for the Administration's survey on the NT taxi trade was tabled at the meeting and subsequently issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2039/02-03(01).)

4. Members noted that the deadline for giving notice to amend the two Amendment Regulations was 2 July 2003. The Subcommittee had explored whether it was desirable to give notice of amendment at this stage, pending the briefing by the Administration on 7 July 2003. After deliberation, the Subcommittee considered it not appropriate to do so as it might send a misleading signal to the general public that the Subcommittee was not supportive of the Amendment Regulations irrespective of the results of the surveys. As an alternative, members agreed that a report should be made to the House Committee on 27 June 2003 recommending that the President be requested to consider giving leave to dispense with the notice of amendment in case members wished to move a motion at the Council meeting on 9 July 2003 to repeal the Amendment Regulations, having reviewed the findings of the surveys presented by the Administration and the Administration's views on the way forward, at the next meeting of the Subcommittee to be held on 7 July 2003.

5. The Subcommittee further agreed that the concern raised by some members on the enforcement actions against illegal taxi touting activities including the offer of discount by taxi drivers and the question of whether legislative amendments should be introduced to address the anomaly where the bargaining of taxi fare by passengers was allowed should be referred to the Panel on Transport for follow up.

III Any other business

6. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:35 pm.

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**Proceedings of the meeting of the Subcommittee on
Road Traffic (Temporary Reduction of New Territories Taxi Fares) Regulation 2003 and
Road Traffic (Temporary Reduction of New Territories Taxi Fares) (No. 2) Regulation 2003**

**Thursday, 19 June 2003, at 1:00 pm
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
<i>Agenda Item I - Election of Chairman</i>			
000000-000042	Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Mr LEUNG Fu-wah Mr Andrew CHENG Ms Miriam LAU	Election of Chairman	
<i>Agenda Item II – Meeting with the Administration</i>			
000043-000213	Chairman	Welcoming remarks	
000214-000929	Chairman Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of the Amendment Regulations - Latest developments on the NT taxi temporary fare concession - Agreement with NT taxi trade on 7 June 2003 to conduct a questionnaire survey to gauge the NT taxi operators' view - Design and methodology of the questionnaire survey - Consideration of opinion surveys conducted by individual trade associations - Legislative timetable 	
000930-001855	Mr LEUNG Fu-wah Admin Chairman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legislative timetable - Concern over Admin's proposal to conduct taximeter reading survey and passenger survey, as well as the determination of weighting of individual surveys - Promotional measures - Enforcement actions against illegal practices 	
001856-003305	Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Admin Chairman ALA4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legislative timetable - Concern over Admin's proposal to conduct taximeter reading survey and passenger survey, as well as the determination of weighting of individual surveys - Possible courses of action to cancel the temporary taxi fare concession 	
003306-004830	Mr LAU Kong-wah Chairman Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concern over Admin's proposal to conduct taximeter reading survey and passenger survey, as well as the 	

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		determination of weighting of individual surveys - Double-counting the views of registered owners of NT taxis in the questionnaire survey	
004831-010309	Mr Andrew CHENG Admin Chairman	- Concern over Admin's proposal to conduct taximeter reading survey and passenger survey, as well as the determination of weighting of individual surveys - Double-counting the views of registered owners of NT taxis in the questionnaire survey - Legislative timetable - Strengthening enforcement actions against illegal practices - Possible legislative amendments to address the anomaly with the bargaining of taxi fare by passengers	
010310-010754	Mr Andrew WONG Chairman Admin	- Strengthening enforcement actions against illegal practices - Longer trial scheme to ascertain the effectiveness of the temporary fare concession on boosting the business of the NT taxi trade	
010755-011941	Mr LEUNG Fu-wah Chairman ALA4 Mr Andrew WONG Mr LAU Kong-wah Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung	- Legislative timetable - Way forward for the Subcommittee's work	
011942-013019	Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Mr LAU Kong-wah Admin Chairman Mr LEUNG Fu-wah	- Agreement with NT taxi trade on 7 June 2003 to conduct a questionnaire survey to gauge the NT taxi operators' view - Legislative timetable - Way forward for the Subcommittee's work	
<i>Agenda Item III - Any other business</i>			
013020-013134	Chairman Mr LAU Kong-wah Mr LEUNG Fu-wah Mr Andrew CHENG	- Date of next meeting - Consideration of opinion surveys conducted by individual trade associations	