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From : Clerk to the Finance Committee

To : Members of the Finance Committee

Finance Committee

Follow-up to the meeting held on 15 July 2002

At the Finance Committee meeting on 15 July 2002 when members considered paper FCR(2002-03)33 on the one-off grant to encourage the early replacement of diesel public light buses with environmentally cleaner models running on liquefied petroleum gas or electricity, the Administration undertook to provide an update on the light bus models available in Hong Kong after the introduction of the incentive scheme. The Administration's reply is now attached for members' reference.



(Ms Pauline NG)
Clerk to the Finance Committee

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Attachment

Information For Members of Finance Committee On Light Bus Models Available in Hong Kong

At the meeting of the Finance Committee on 15 July 2002, Members approved the creation of a new commitment for an incentive scheme to encourage the early replacement of diesel public light buses (PLBs) with environmentally cleaner models running on liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) or electricity (FC Paper FCR(2002-03)33). A Member requested the Administration to provide the Committee with an update on the light bus models available in Hong Kong after the introduction of the incentive scheme.

Light Bus Models Available in Hong Kong

2. To encourage the supply of more light bus models to Hong Kong, we have approached the Motor Traders Association of Hong Kong and major light bus manufacturers overseas. In addition, the Administration relaxed the maximum permissible gross weight in 2004 for light buses to facilitate the supply of more models. Models currently available in the market are listed in the Annex for Members' information.

Progress of the Incentive Scheme

3. The incentive scheme was launched in August 2002. Under the scheme, a vehicle owner replacing his existing diesel PLB with an LPG or electricity model is eligible for a one-off grant of \$60,000 or \$80,000 respectively. To be eligible for the grant, vehicle owners have to replace their diesel PLBs aged 10 or above by end-2004 and their younger diesel PLBs by end-2005. Replacement is entirely voluntary. Diesel PLB owners who do not wish to use LPG or electric PLBs can continue to use diesel PLBs.

4. The incentive scheme is well received by the trade. Over 80% of the newly registered PLBs are LPG models. There are now over 1,720 LPG PLBs in operation, making up 40% of the PLB fleet (of 4,350). We expect more diesel light buses will be replaced by LPG models before the completion of the scheme.

Environmental Protection Department

30 May 2005

Annex

Light Buses Available in Hong Kong

(As at April 2005)

MAKE	Model	Fuel/Type	Design weight (kg)
Iveco	50C15B (4X2)	Diesel/16-seat	5200
Mercedes-Benz	Sprinter 414	LPG/16-seat	4500
Mercedes-Benz	313 CDI	Diesel/16-seat	3550
Mercedes-Benz	413 CDI	Diesel/16-seat	4600
Mercedes-Benz	416 CDI	Diesel/16-seat	4600
* Mitsubishi	Rosa BE639ERMDA / Rosa BE649ERMDA	Diesel/16-seat	4760
Toyota	Coaster	LPG/16-seat	4000
Toyota	Coaster (Long Wheel Base)	LPG/16-seat	4800
Toyota	Coaster	Diesel/16-seat	4000
Toyota	Coaster (Long Wheel Base)	Diesel/16-seat	4800
Toyota	Hiace	Diesel/12-seat	2800
Volkswagen	LT46	Diesel/13-seat	4600
Volkswagen	LT 35	Diesel/16-seat	3500

**Nissan	Urvan MG4E25MWS4R DFE25UW3RCH FF / Urvan MG4E25MWS4R DFE25UW3Y17 AY	Diesel/12-seat	3300
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* Two similar models slightly different in dimensions and weight only

** Two similar models using different materials for the wheels only