

For information
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Legislative Council
Subcommittee on Proposed Resolution Under
Section 22 of the Tung Chung Cable Car Ordinance (Cap. 577)

Purpose

At the Subcommittee meeting held on 5 September 2005, Members noted the assessment of the Administration on the impact of the future operation of the Tung Chung to Ngong Ping Cable Car System (CCS) on existing public transport services and requested for further information about the forecast number of visitors to Ngong Ping and their corresponding trips by different modes.

2. This note provides the relevant information.

Visitors to Ngong Ping

3. At present, Ngong Ping of Lantau Island attracts about 1.02 million visitors annually. These visitors travel to Ngong Ping mainly by franchised bus services operated by the New Lantao Bus Co. (1973) Ltd. (NLB) and the Lantau taxis. The current passenger trips by mode are given below:

Mode	Passenger Trips¹ (in million)
Franchised bus	2.2
Taxi and others ²	0.05

4. With the commissioning of the CCS and the completion of the tourism developments in Ngong Ping, Skyrail (the operator of CCS) forecasts that annual

¹ Passenger trips refer to the actual journey made by a visitor on a transport carrier. For example, a visitor to Lantau may make more than one trip by bus per day, or not use bus at all.

² Other transport modes include coaches which are of small number subject to permit control.

visitors to Ngong Ping will be increased from the existing 1.02 million to about 2.31 million in 2006³. Of these 2.31 million visitors, Skyrail estimates that about 1.5 million visitors will use CCS whilst the rest will use other transport modes. Based on the latest visitation forecasts, NLB's forecasts and TD's assessment, it is estimated that 1.22 million of the visitors will use NLB services and 0.12 million will use taxis. It is anticipated that a visitor may use more than one mode for travel to Ngong Ping.

5. On commissioning of CCS in 2006, the number of passenger trips to and from Ngong Ping is expected to increase from 2.25 million now to about 4.45 million. As NLB and Skyrail are still discussing the details of the Combo Ticket proposed by NLB, it is difficult to estimate the split of the trips between CCS and NLB.

6. Members are requested to note the content of the paper.

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³ Updated forecast provided by Skyrail.