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Dear Mr Lau,

Retrofitting of High Back Seats and Seat Belts on Public Light Buses

At the meeting of the Panel on Transport on 23 June when the captioned subject was discussed, we agreed to provide the timetable for retrofitting high back seats and seat belts on public light buses. The timetable is set out below :

Activities

Target Completion Date

Completion of design plans

August 2006

Testing on designs

August / September 2006

Activities

Target Completion Date

If the testing is successful :
Transport Department to brief operators.

September 2006

If the testing is not successful :
Contractors to prepare revised design plans for testing.

PLB operators and owners to start retrofitting high back seats and seat belts on PLBs. The progress of retrofitting will depend highly on the response of public light bus owners and operators. We will try to urge them to pay due regard to passenger safety and participate in the retrofitting programme.

September / October 2006

Yours sincerely,

(Elizabeth Tai)
for Secretary for the Environment,
Transport and Works