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Dear Mr Lau,

Panel on Transport
Measures to enhance safety of public light bus

At the meeting of the Panel on Transport on 23 March 2007, the Administration undertook to provide supplementary information on the income of green minibus (GMB) drivers and report the progress of the trial on the vehicle monitoring system. The information is set out on the following paragraphs.


Income of the green minibus (GMB) drivers

The average income per shift (each shift is about 10 working hours) for GMB drivers is about HK\$300. The monthly income of individual GMB drivers will vary according to the number of working days, the period (day/night/split) of shift and their employment terms under different operators.

Trial on Vehicle Monitoring System

The results of the current trial which commenced in October 2006 are so far encouraging. According to the interim report of the six-month trial submitted by the supplier to Transport Department (TD), most participating GMB operators indicated that the system facilitated more efficient monitoring of driver performance and managing of the vehicle fleet. It was, however, found that the accuracy rates of the system in recording information including journey time, vehicle location, vehicle speed, etc. only lied between 60% to 80%. In the light of the interim findings, the supplier is making adjustments to the system software and has extended the trial until end-2007. The extended trial has included 10 more public light buses (PLBs) running on routes both in the urban areas and the New Territories. TD will continue to closely monitor and liaise with the supplier and the concerned operators on the trial.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for the Environment,
Transport and Works