

Subcommittee on Improving Air Quality

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 14 May 2009**

- (1) To provide the parameters and details of the feasibility study on setting up of low emission zones. To also advise the possible corridors for these zones. In addition to franchised buses, all vehicles with higher exhaust emissions should be restricted from entering the zones. Apart from the types of vehicle, restriction should also be imposed on the number of passengers on board of vehicles entering the zone.
- (2) To advise the outcome of consultation with franchised bus companies on the proposed setting up of low emission zones. To facilitate compliance with the new Air Quality Objectives (AQOs) and the setting up of low emission zones by franchised buses, consideration should be given to subsidizing or extending the \$3.2 billion scheme grant to cover franchised bus companies to encourage early replacement of their bus fleets.
- (3) To advise the plan on rationalization of bus routes, the number of bus routes which have been cancelled, amalgamated and truncated, as well as the number of buses which have been scrapped as a result.
- (4) To advise the latest progress of negotiation with the power companies regarding the increased use of liquefied natural gas (LNG) for power generation, taking into account the agreement between Hong Kong and Guangdong on LNG supply.
- (5) To consult the Subcommittee before release of the public consultation on the pace, priority and price for implementing the proposed Phase I control measures under the review of AQOs.