

**Extract from minutes of Meeting between Legislative Council Members
and Eastern District Council Members
on Thursday, 12 March 2009, at 10:45 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP (Convenor)
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, IP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun

Attendance by invitation : **Members of Eastern District Council**

Ms Christina TING Yuk-chee, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Ms CHAN Oi-kwan, MH
Mr CHIU Chi-keung
Mr Andrew CHIU Ka-yin
Mr CHUNG Shu-kun, MH, JP
Mr Alex FU Yuen-cheung
Mr HUI Ka-hoo, MH
Mr IP Chiu-shing, MH
Mr KONG Chack-ho, MH
Mr KUNG Pak-cheung
Mr Aron KWOK Wai-keung
Ms LAM Chui-lin
Mr LEUNG Chi-kong
Mr David LEUNG Kwok-hung
Mr Patrick LEUNG Siu-sun
Ms Joanna LEUNG Suk-ching
Ms LO Tip-chun, MH
Mr Frankie LO Wing-kwan, MH
Mr LUI Chi-man
Mr NGAN Choi-chik
Mr NGAN Chun-lim
Mr SHIU Ka-fai
Mr Eddie TING Kong-ho
Mr TO Boon-man
Mr TSANG Heung-kwan
Mr TSO Hon-kwong
Mr WONG Kin-hing
Mr WONG Kin-pan
Ms WONG Yuet-mui
Mr YEUNG Wai-sing, MH

Staff in attendance : Miss Mary SO
Chief Council Secretary (2) 5

Ms Maisie LAM
Senior Council Secretary (2) 7

Miss Karen LAI
Council Secretary (2) 2

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II. Indiscriminate placement of cargo compartments

2. Mr KONG Chack-ho said that the existing loopholes in taking enforcement actions against indiscriminate placement of cargo compartments at roadside by the Transport Department (TD), the Lands Department (LandsD) and the Police had caused environmental hygiene problems and serious obstruction to the public and vehicles. Mr NGAN Chun-lim, Mr WONG Kin-hing, Mr CHIU Chi-keung and Mr LO Wing-kwan expressed similar views. Mr CHIU pointed out that although TD had drawn up a set of guidelines on the use of cargo compartments to minimise the nuisances caused to the public and ensure the safety of road users, including the installation of yellow flash lights at each top corner of a cargo compartment at night, these guidelines were rarely complied by the trades.

3. Mr KONG Chack-ho, Mr NGAN Chun-lim, Mr WONG Kin-hing, Mr CHIU Chi-keung and Mr LO Wing-kwan hoped that LegCo Members could follow up with the Administration on introducing a permit system for placing cargo compartments at roadside and designating a government department with legal backing to issue and enforce the permit. Mr TSANG Heung-kwan also suggested that the permit should limit the placing of cargo compartment to a specified period, say, from 11 am to 5 pm, so as to reduce obstruction to the public and vehicles to a minimum.

4. The Convenor said that according to the Direct Investigation Report on "Government Measures for Street Management" published by the Office of the Ombudsman in December 2008, there was already inter-departmental consensus within the Government that a permit system for roadside cargo compartments should be developed. The Convenor, however, questioned whether the LandsD was the most appropriate department to implement and enforce the permit system. The Convenor suggested and Members agreed to refer EDC members' views on the need to expeditiously introduce a permit system for placement of cargo compartments at roadside to the Panel on Development and the Panel on Home Affairs for following up with the Administration.

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