

Panel on Transport**List of follow-up actions**
(position as at 23 April 2009)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Latest position / Administration's response
1. Safety of reversing goods vehicles	25 May 2007	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information to the Panel –</p> <p>(a) A monthly update on the progress of the improvement works on the 132 priority road sections identified in consultation with District Councils for detailed investigations on measures that could be implemented to enhance the safety of reversing vehicles; and</p> <p>(b) The number of goods vehicles which had technical difficulties in installing reversing video devices and those which did not have such difficulties.</p>	<p>The requested monthly updates were issued vide LC Papers Nos. CB(1)1970/06-07, CB(1)2177/06-07, CB(1)2294/06-07, CB(1)2386/06-07, CB(1)99/07-08, CB(1)298/07-08 and CB(1)491/07-08 on 22 June, 23 July, 22 August, 24 September, 22 October, 21 November and 21 December 2007 respectively.</p> <p>Information from the Administration is awaited</p>

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<p>2. MTR Corporation Limited's commitment not to increase fares</p>	<p>8 January 2009</p>	<p>At the meeting, the Panel passed the following motion -</p> <p>"That through passing this motion this Panel expresses regret at the decisions of MTRCL and the relevant franchised bus companies to cancel the previous fare concessions for the elderly and the 'same day return discounts' respectively without consultation, and urges these public transport operators to properly fulfil their social responsibilities by demanding:</p> <p>(a) MTRCL and all franchised bus companies to offer concessionary fares to the elderly on a permanent basis;</p> <p>(b) all franchised bus companies to continue to offer the 'same day return discounts'; and</p> <p>(c) MTRCL to continue to offer interchange fare concessions to ferry passengers."</p> <p>The Administration was requested to provide a response to the above motion as well as a paper supplementing a breakdown by year of the dividends the Government, as the majority shareholder of MTR Corporation Limited, had received over the years, and explain whether such dividend income could</p>	<p>Response and information from the Administration are awaited</p>

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		be used to subsidize railway fare concessions for the elderly and persons with disabilities	
3. Recent bus fire/smoke incidents	23 January 2009	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information to the Panel –</p> <p>(a) Information on the following issues to enable members to ascertain the causes of bus fire/smoke incidents and assess the proposed preventive measures:</p> <p>(1) The Administration's and the bus companies' responses to the views of experts on how to prevent bus fire incidents as reported by Wen Wui Pao dated 8 January 2009 -</p> <p>(i) as the occurrence of bus fire/smoke incidents might be related to bus age, it was necessary to more regularly carry out maintenance on buses over 10 years old, and to remind maintenance staff to pay special attention to components that might pose fire hazards as they aged; and</p> <p>(ii) that there was a need to</p>	Information from the Administration is awaited

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		<p>improve the air circulation of bus air-conditioning systems to prevent overheating;</p> <p>(2) Whether the occurrence of bus fire/smoke incidents was related to bus age;</p> <p>(3) As bus fire/smoke incidents were mainly related to overheating, whether suitable devices could be introduced to alert bus captains of overheating so that they could take timely actions; and</p> <p>(4) How fire-proof were the bus body materials presently used, and what improvements in this regard could be made to existing buses to prevent bus fire incidents; and</p> <p>(b) A comparison of the daily and monthly numbers of buses covered in spot checks before and after the three incidents, as well as the number of safety problems so identified, and the actions taken to address them.</p>	

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4. Central Kowloon Route (CKR) - Progress update	27 February 2009	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information to the Panel –</p> <p>(a) A paper detailing the measures to be taken to mitigate the air and noise impacts that might be caused by the Western Tunnel Portal of CKR to local residents including Prosperous Garden residents; and</p> <p>(b) A paper on the estimated noise impacts in terms of decibels as a result of construction of the CKR project, the noise pollution level at the Ferry Street Flyover (FSF) sections fronting Prosperous Garden, explanation of the technical difficulties in retrofitting these sections with noise barriers and why those difficulties could not be overcome, as well as details of the alternative mitigation measures under contemplation and the estimated mitigation effect expected to be achieved in terms of reduced decibels. The paper should also address the point that CKR might increase traffic flow on these sections of FSF and aggravate the noise problem, so that mitigation measures such as the installation of double-glazed windows and air-conditioning for the affected residents should be considered.</p>	Information from the Administration is awaited

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5. PWP Item 6746TH - Reconstruction and improvement of Tuen Mun Road	27 February 2009	The Administration was requested to further explain in the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) paper the relevant factors accounting for the increase of \$771.4 million in the provision of price adjustment in detail, particularly those set out in paragraph 15 of the Administration's paper for this item in greater clarity.	Information in this regard has been incorporated in the relevant PWSC paper

Note: The Administration was reminded on 2 April 2009 to provide the information requested by members.

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