

**Bills Committee on
Motor Vehicle Idling (Fixed Penalty) Bill**

**List of Follow-up Actions Arising from
Discussion at Meeting on 1 June 2010**

Administration's Response

Road safety issues

- (a) *Medical expert's advice on the impact of enforcing prohibition against idling vehicles with running engines (the idling prohibition) on very hot days on the health and performance of drivers and hence road safety, in particular on the driver's exercise of judgment.*
1. The objective of the Motor Vehicle Idling (Fixed Penalty) Bill is to reduce roadside air pollution and environmental nuisances caused by idling vehicles with running engines to pedestrians and people working or living nearby the roads. Any meaningful assessment of the risks to drivers' health from staying in a hot or hot and humid environment should consider both personal and environmental factors. Personal factors include an individual's physical fitness, level of physical exertion, amount and type of clothing, amount of water intake, duration of exposure, etc. Environmental factors include air temperature, relative humidity, extent of air movement, presence of hot objects in the surrounding area, etc.

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