

Chronology of events regarding request from The Professional Commons to the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways for presentation of views

| <p>Requests from The Professional Commons made in the following four e-mails sent to the Subcommittee</p> | <p>Actions taken by the Subcommittee</p> |
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| <p><u>E-mail dated 21 October 2009 (Wed 6 pm)</u></p> <p>The Professional Commons requested to attend a meeting of the Subcommittee to present their proposed new option.</p> <p><i>(The Chairman was consulted on The Professional Commons' request on 21 October 2009)</i></p> | <p><u>Discussion on The Professional Commons' request at the meeting on 22 October 2009</u></p> <p>The Subcommittee discussed and agreed to invite The Professional Commons to attend the next meeting on 6 November 2009 to present their proposed new option.</p> |
| <p><u>Presentation by The Professional Commons at meeting on 6 November 2009 (Friday)</u></p> <p>A presentation was given by The Professional Commons at the meeting on 6 November 2009. Submissions provided by The Professional Commons were issued to Subcommittee members and copied to all other LegCo Members. The Administration also presented their comments on the proposed new option at the meeting. Hon Ronny TONG considered that the Subcommittee should hold another meeting to listen to the response of The Professional Commons to the Administration's comments. The Chairman invited The Professional Commons to first provide their written response to facilitate members' consideration of Mr TONG's suggestion.</p> <p><i>(Submissions and the Powerpoint presentation materials of The Professional Commons were tabled at the meeting and issued to all Members on 9 November 2009 (Mon)).</i></p> | |
| <p><u>E-mail dated 10 November 2009 (Tue 5:57 pm)</u></p> <p>The Professional Commons requested to attend another meeting to give a comprehensive response to the Administration's comments.</p> | <p><u>Circulation of the e-mail and enclosure to Members</u></p> <p>The list of questions was circulated to all LegCo Members on 12 November 2009 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)354/09-10.</p> |

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| <p>The e-mail enclosed a list of questions for the Administration's written response. The LegCo Secretariat was requested to forward the questions to the Administration for written response.</p> <p><i>(The Chairman was consulted on The Professional Commons' request on 11 November 2009)</i></p> | <p>The list of questions was forwarded to the Administration on 11 November 2009 for response as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>Discussion on The Professional Commons' request at the meeting on 13 November 2009</u></p> <p>The Professional Commons' request for attending another meeting was discussed at the Subcommittee meeting on 13 November 2009. The Chairman invited members' views on the request.</p> <p>Hon Ronny TONG considered that The Professional Commons' request should be acceded to. Other members including Hon Jeffrey LAM, Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO and Hon IP Wai-ming did not consider it necessary to invite any more deputations to attend a further meeting to give views to the Subcommittee. Hon LAU Kong-wah, Hon WONG Kwok-hing and Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming considered that it was time for the Subcommittee to have a final discussion with the Administration on the details of the project at the forthcoming meetings. The Chairman concluded that the Subcommittee was not going to convene a further meeting to receive views from deputations any more based on the above majority view expressed by members.</p> |
| <p><u>E-mail dated 15 November 2009 (Sunday 3:42 pm)</u></p> | <p><u>Circulation of the e-mail and enclosure to Members</u></p> |

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| <p>The Professional Commons reiterated their request for attending a meeting to give a comprehensive response to Government's comments.</p> <p>A press statement and two technical reports were attached to the e-mail. The Professional Commons requested circulation of these attachments to members.</p> <p><i>(The Chairman was consulted on The Professional Commons' request on 16 November 2009)</i></p> | <p>The e-mail and its attachments were tabled at the Subcommittee meeting on 16 November 2009.</p> <p>The e-mail and its attachments were issued to the Administration on 16 November 2009. At the same time, the Administration was urged to respond to the list of questions raised in The Profession Commons' e-mail dated 10 November 2009 and provide the requisite information. The LegCo Secretariat conveyed to the Administration that The Professional Commons had difficulty preparing a written response without the requisite information.</p> <p>The Professional Commons' e-mail and its attachments (softcopies) were issued to all LegCo Members on 17 November 2009.</p> <p>The e-mail and its attachments were circulated to all LegCo Members on 18 November 2009 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)401/09-10.</p> <p><u>Discussion on The Professional Commons' request at the meeting on 17 November 2009</u></p> <p>Hon Ronny TONG brought up The Professional Commons' request for discussion at the meeting on 17 November 2009. The Chairman reiterated that at the meeting on 6 November 2009, she requested The Professional Commons to first provide a written response to the Administration's comments for</p> |

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| | members. However, the written response was still awaited. Moreover, based on the views expressed by members previously, the Subcommittee had decided not to invite any more deputations to attend a further meeting to give views. |
| <p><u>E-mail dated 17 November 2009 (Tue 4:27 pm)</u> The Professional Commons reminded the Subcommittee that they had already sent in two submissions to the Subcommittee: their first letter (e-mail) on November 10 attached with a list of questions for the Administration's response, and their second letter (e-mail) on November 15 attached with a press statement and two technical documents.</p> | <p>Upon confirmation with The Professional Commons that the two technical documents attached to their e-mail dated November 15 were their written response to the Administration's comments, the LegCo Secretariat was instructed by the Chairman to highlight this to members for them to note when it circulated the two technical documents to members. The LegCo Secretariat made the arrangement accordingly. (LC Paper No. CB(1)401/09-10)</p> <p>A reminder was sent to the Administration again urging them to respond to The Professional Commons' requests for information.</p> |

Note

The Subcommittee had copied its notices of the meetings on 22 October and 6, 13, 16 and 17 November 2009 and papers for these meetings to all other non-Subcommittee Members.