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**Subcommittee on the Six Orders Made under Section 5(1) of the
Public Bus Services Ordinance and Gazetted on 20 January 2012**

**Minutes of the first meeting
held on Tuesday, 14 February 2012, at 4:30 pm
in Conference Room 2B of the Legislative Council Complex**

Members present : Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS (Chairman)
Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH
Hon CHAN Hak-kan
Hon WONG Sing-chi
Hon IP Wai-ming, MH
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP

Members absent : Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, GBS, JP
Hon Tanya CHAN

**Public officers
attending** : **For item II**

Transport Department

Mr Don HO
Assistant Commissioner/New Territories

Ms Irene HO
Principal Transport Officer/New Territories

Mr Tommy NG
Principal Transport Officer/Bus & Railway 1 (Acting)

Transport and Housing Bureau

Miss Constance CHOY
Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and
Housing (Transport) 1 (Acting)

Department of Justice

Mr Manuel NG
Government Counsel

Clerk in attendance : Miss Becky YU
Chief Council Secretary (1)1

Staff in attendance : Miss Carrie WONG
Assistant Legal Adviser 4

Mrs Mary TANG
Senior Council Secretary (1)1

Miss Jacqueline CHUNG
Council Secretary (1)1

I. Election of Chairman

Dr Philip WONG, the member who had the highest precedence among those present at the meeting, presided at the election of Chairman of the Subcommittee. Dr WONG invited nominations for the chairmanship.

2. Mr IP Kwok-him nominated Dr Philip WONG and the nomination was seconded by Mr WONG Yung-kan. Dr Philip WONG accepted the nomination.

3. There being no other nominations, Dr Philip WONG was declared Chairman of the Subcommittee.

II. Meeting with the Administration

Background information on the Orders

Schedule of Routes (Citybus Limited) Order 2012 (L.N. 4), Schedule of Routes (Citybus Limited) (North Lantau and Chek Lap Kok Airport) Order 2012 (L.N. 5), Schedule of Routes (Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited) Order 2012 (L.N. 6), Schedule of Routes (Long Win Bus Company Limited) Order 2012 (L.N. 7), Schedule of Routes (New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited) Order 2012 (L.N. 8), and Schedule of Routes (New World First Bus Services Limited) Order 2012 (L.N. 9)

Ref: THB(T)L 2/4/115 — The Legislative Council Brief
(*issued by Transport and Housing
Bureau in January 2012*)

LC Paper No. LS25/11-12 — Legal Service Division Report
(*issued on 2 February 2012*)

4. The Subcommittee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached in **Annex**).
5. The Administration was requested to -
 - (a) advise the existing monitoring system to ensure that bus trips provided by franchised bus companies were on schedule;
 - (b) advise the percentage of bus trips which failed to meet the schedules of services (using the 18 Districts as the basis), and the reasons for not meeting the schedule (such as non-attendance of bus drivers); and
 - (c) enhance the existing monitoring system, consideration should be given to putting in place an electronic system so as to enable the Commissioner for Transport and the franchised bus companies to gather data immediately on the situation of scheduled bus trips arriving at each bus stop and whether they met the schedules of services.
6. Members agreed to invite franchised bus companies to the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 21 February 2012, at 4:30 pm to discuss the measures that had been taken and would be taken to ensure that the bus trips were on schedule.

(Post-meeting note: On the instruction of the Chairman, the meeting was subsequently re-scheduled for Thursday, 23 February 2012, at 10:45 am. The Chairman would also move a resolution to extend the period for amending the Six Orders from 29 February to 21 March 2012.)

III. Any other business

7. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:20 pm.

Council Business Division 1
Legislative Council Secretariat
6 March 2012

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<i>Agenda Item I - Election of Chairman</i>			
000104 - 000143	Dr Philip WONG Mr IP Kwok-him Mr WONG Yung-kan	Dr Philip WONG was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee	
000144 - 000235	Chairman Mr WONG Yung-kan Mr IP Kwok-him Mr IP Wai-ming	Mr WONG Yung-kan declared interest as a District Council member.	
000236 - 000316	Chairman Mr IP Kwok-him	Members agreed that it would not be necessary to invite deputations since the changes of bus routes had been discussed in great detail at the district level.	
<i>Agenda Item II - Meeting with the Administration</i>			
000317 - 000558	Administration	Administration's explanation on the Six Orders.	
000559 - 001418	Chairman Mr KAM Nai-wai Administration	Mr KAM Nai-wai's views and enquiries - (a) no particular views on the service changes specified in the Schedules of Routes Orders; (b) passengers were concerned about the bus services of franchised bus companies not meeting the schedules of services; (c) the percentage of bus trips which failed to meet the schedules of services; and (d) whether an electronic on-line system was available to monitor bus companies' adherence to the schedules of bus services; and (e) the actions taken to prevent buses not meeting the schedules of services.	The Administration to advise the existing monitoring system to ensure that bus trips provided by franchised bus companies were on schedule.

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		<p>Administration's explanation -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) bus services in general were able to meet the level of service required; (b) a standard monitoring system would apply to all franchised bus companies, including the requirement for them to submit regular operational reports; (c) bus as not meeting the schedules of services were mainly due to traffic congestion, driver shortage and mechanical defects of buses; (d) there was close liaison between Transport Department (TD) and franchised bus companies to ensure adequate supply of bus drivers to provide the scheduled services; (e) upon receipt of notification or complaints on buses not meeting the schedules of services, TD would investigate and identify the causes, and take the necessary remedial measures; and (f) surveys would be conducted from time to time to ensure that bus services were operated according to schedules. 	
001419 - 002810	Mr LEE Wing-tat Chairman Administration	<p>Mr LEE Wing-tat's views -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the district communities were concerned about buses not meeting the schedules of services; (b) while the bus services in one district would improve after lodging of complaints, the problem would tend to recur in another district; (c) franchised bus companies would endeavour to keep the number of bus drivers to a minimum-just enough to provide the needed bus services in order to maximize their profits; and (d) need to look into the feasibility of introducing an automatic on-line system to monitor the number of bus 	<p>The Administration to consider putting in place an electronic system so as to enable the Commissioner for Transport and the franchised bus companies to gather data immediately on the situation of scheduled bus trips arriving at each bus stop and whether they met the schedules of services.</p>

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		<p>trips by requiring bus drivers to swipe smart cards when commencing bus journeys.</p> <p>Administration's response -</p> <p>(a) number of bus trips was included in the operational data submitted by franchised bus companies;</p> <p>(b) on-site checking would be made as and when necessary to ascertain whether bus trips were on schedule; and</p> <p>(c) would consider with the bus companies the feasibility of introducing electronic system to ascertain whether the number of bus trips complied with the schedules of services.</p>	
002811 - 003133	Mr KAM Nai-wai Chairman Administration	<p>Mr KAM Nai-wai's views -</p> <p>(a) to ascertain the compliance status of bus services, a centralized monitoring system should be set up to check the attendance of bus drivers through electronic means. The system should be set up by the Administration rather than the franchised bus companies lest the latter would transfer the cost to passengers;</p> <p>(b) the Administration should provide information on the percentage of bus trips which failed to meet the schedules of services (using the 18 Districts as the basis), and the reasons for not meeting the scheduled services (such as non-attendance of bus drivers).</p>	<p>The Administration to advise the percentage of bus trips which failed to meet the schedules of services (using the 18 Districts as the basis), and the reasons for not meeting the schedules of services (such as non-attendance of bus drivers)</p>
003134 - 003230	Mr WONG Sing-chi Chairman	<p>Mr WONG Sing-chi suggested inviting franchised bus companies to the next meeting to explain the means to ensure that bus trips were on schedule.</p>	
003231 - 003816	Mr WONG Yung-kan Administration Chairman	<p>Mr WONG Yung-kan's views -</p> <p>(a) each District Council (DC) had set up its own committee to monitor bus</p>	

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		<p>services;</p> <p>(b) efforts should be made to ensure adequate supply of bus drivers to meet service demand; and</p> <p>(c) new bus routes would need to be developed for the convenience of passengers.</p> <p>Administration's response that there were established planning guidelines on the development of new bus routes. Priority would be given to setting up feeder services.</p>	
003817 - 004013	Mr CHAN Hak-kan Chairman	<p>Mr CHAN Hak-kan's views -</p> <p>(a) while agreeing to the need for setting up electronic monitoring system to monitor bus services, it might be more appropriate for the Panel on Transport to follow up the issue; and</p> <p>(b) supported inviting franchised bus companies to give views on the means to improve bus services.</p>	
004014 - 004052	Administration	<p>Administration's explanation on the scope of the Six Orders -</p> <p>(a) the Orders were meant to formalize public bus route changes which had had the support of DCs; and</p> <p>(b) as the frequency of bus trips was not directly related to the Orders, members might consider discussing the matter at other forums.</p>	
004053 - 004355	Chairman Mr KAM Nai-wai Administration	<p>Mr KAM Nai-wai's views -</p> <p>(a) bus route changes would often lead to changes in schedules of services; and</p> <p>(b) there was a need to exchange views with franchised bus companies on measures to ensure that bus trips were on schedule.</p> <p>Administration's explanation that the monitoring of bus services was not related to the Orders.</p>	

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004356 - 004721	Mr LEE Wing-tat Chairman Mr CHAN Hak-kan Miss Carrie WONG, Assistant Legal Adviser 4 (ALA4)	Mr LEE Wing-tat's views - (a) as formalization of changes in bus routes under the Orders would affect deployment of resources and efficiency of operation, it would be appropriate for the Subcommittee to discuss the matter; and (b) the Subcommittee had a constitutional role to scrutinize the Orders. ALA4's comments - (a) monitoring of franchised bus companies and whether they had the resources to carry out the proposed bus routes would be related to the Orders; and (b) the appropriate forum for discussion would be a matter for members to decide.	
004722 - 004905	Mr IP Kwok-him Chairman	The Chairman and Mr IP Kwok-him supported that franchised bus companies should be invited to the next meeting to give views on the measures to ensure that bus services were on schedule.	
004906 - 005022	Mr KAM Nai-wai Chairman Mr LEE Wing-tat	Mr KAM Nai-wai's request to put on record his dissatisfaction at the Administration's response that it would be more suitable that monitoring of bus services was to be discussed at other forums, when the Orders were meant to improve the efficiency of franchised bus operation.	
005023 - 005139	Chairman	It was agreed that franchised bus companies would be invited to attend the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 21 February 2012, at 4:30 pm.	