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Background brief on
using child restraint device in private cars

Purpose

This paper provides information on the legislation governing the use of child restraint device ("CRD") (i.e. child safety seats, carrycots, etc) in private cars.

Background

2. The current legislation requires that a child aged less than 3 years old must be restrained by an approved CRD when travelling in the front seat of a private car. According to the Administration, it will regularly review and update legislation related to vehicle safety and vehicle standards to improve road safety.

3. As advised by the Secretary for Transport and Housing ("STH") at the policy briefing for the Panel on Transport ("the Panel") on 18 January 2013, the Administration was considering to amend the legislation on the use of CRD in private cars to enhance the protection of child passengers travelling in private cars. STH said that having made reference to overseas studies and practices, the Administration would propose that all private car passengers under 4 years old and weighing not more than 18 kilograms must use CRDs in both front and rear seats. Members had not raised any enquiries on the matter at the Panel meeting.

4. According to the Government's press release, the Transport Advisory Committee ("TAC") was briefed on the above legislative proposal on

18 December 2012. TAC members welcome the Administration's proposal, which will enhance the protection of child passengers in private cars.

Latest position

5. The Administration plans to discuss the proposal to raise the mandatory requirement of using CRD in private cars at the Panel meeting to be held on 20 December 2013.

Relevant papers

Paper provided by the Administration for the Panel meeting on 18 January 2013
<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr12-13/english/panels/tp/papers/tp0118cb1-409-3-e.pdf>

Government's press release

<http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201212/18/P201212180420.htm>

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