Panel on Transport

Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

List of follow-up actions (as at 20 November 2014)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Latest position / Administration's response
1. Retrofitting of automatic platform gates along the East Rail Line ("ERL") and Ma On Shan Line	22 November 2013	 The Administration/ the MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL") were requested to – a) provide detailed information on the incidents involving passengers falling onto the railway track after the latest review of the penalty scheme under the Fare Adjustment Mechanism of MTRCL, including the duration of train service disruptions; and b) provide information on the expected increase in patrons and headway of trains after the replacement of 12-car trains with 9-car trains for ERL. 	Response awaited.
2. Progress and financial situation of the construction of the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link ("XRL")	22 November 2013	The Administration/MTRCL were requested to make arrangement for Subcommittee members to attend a site visit at an appropriate time after the delivery of the first set of high speed rail train to the Hong Kong site in 2014.	The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)782/13-14 (01) on 23 January 2014. According to the Administration, the first XRL train is expected to be delivered to Hong Kong in the second quarter of 2014.

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			MTRCL will liaise with the Legislative Council Secretariat in due course for necessary arrangement for the site visit.
3. Rail inspection regime of MTRCL	3 January 2014	The Administration/MTRCL were requested to provide the respective number of in-house and outsourced maintenance staff as regards visual inspection for different railway lines of MTRCL.	Response awaited.
4. Site visit to Light Rail stations	3 January 2014	The Administration/MTRCL were requested to make arrangement for Subcommittee members to visit a busy Light Rail station to better understand the crowdedness of the train compartments and on the platform during peak hours at an appropriate time.	Response awaited.
5. Capacity and loading of MTR trains	28 February 2014	 The Administration/MTRCL were requested to – a) provide information on when the service of West Rail Line would become saturated; b) provide the total patronage of different railway lines; and c) make arrangement for Subcommittee members to visit a busy MTR station 	Response awaited.

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		(say Admiralty Station) to better understand the crowdedness of the train compartments and on the platform during peak hours at an appropriate time.	
 6. Follow-ups on the service suspension of Tseung Kwan O Line and part of Kwun Tong Line on 16 December 2013, and report on subsequent major incidents on ERL and Light Rail 	28 February 2014	 The Administration/MTRCL were requested to – a) provide information on the procurement of insulators (including the cost) for ERL in the past; and b) provide details of the calculation of the penalty against MTRCL for serious service disruptions under the Fare Adjustment Mechanism introduced in 2013. 	Response awaited.
7. Progress update of the construction of the West Island Line ("WIL"), South Island Line (East) ("SIL(E)") and Kwun Tong Line Extension ("KTE")	17 June 2014	The Administration/MTRCL were requested to – a) in view of the delay in the construction of the new railway lines, provide information on the actual increase in project costs; the compensation plans, if any, for businesses in the respective district; loss suffered by the economy of Hong Kong; and any change in the cost recovery period for future railway projects; and	Response awaited.

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		 b) provide information on whether the operation and maintenance of WIL, SIL(E) and KTE would be carried out by in-house staff or staff of contractors; and the mix of the in-house staff and outsourced staff, if any. 	
8. ERL service disruptions on 27 and 28 April, and 1 and 2 May 2014	4 July 2014	MTRCL was requested to provide a written report on the Corporation's current risk management system.	Response awaited.
9. Progress update of the construction of the Shatin to Central Link	4 July 2014	The Administration/MTRCL were requested to provide the number of construction personnel short for each of the five new railway projects under construction.	Response awaited.
10. Railway development	27 October 2014	 The Administration was requested to provide the following information – a) detailed geographic information on the areas in the vicinity of the proposed alignment and stations of the East Kowloon Line recommended in the Railway Development Strategy 2014 ("RDS-2014"); and b) more detailed information on the reasons why the Siu Sai Wan Line was not recommended in RDS-2014. 	Response awaited.

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