

Panel on Transport**Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways****List of follow-up actions**

(as at 13 May 2015)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Latest position / Administration's response
1. Progress and financial situation of the construction of the Hong Kong Section ("HKS") of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link ("XRL")	22 November 2013	The Administration/ the MTR Corporation Limited ("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.	<p>The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)782/13-14 (01) on 23 January 2014. MTRCL will liaise with the Legislative Council Secretariat in due course for necessary arrangement for the site visit.</p> <p>According to the Administration's paper [LC Paper No. CB(4)576/14-15 (05)] issued in March 2015, the first XRL train is expected to be delivered to Hong Kong in 2015 for pre-testing.</p>
2. Site visit to Light Rail stations	3 January 2014	The Legislative Council Secretariat will liaise with the Administration/MTRCL in due course to make arrangement for Subcommittee members to visit a busy Light Rail station to better understand the crowdedness of the train compartments and	To be confirmed.

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		on the platform during peak hours at an appropriate time.	
3. Capacity and loading of MTR trains	28 February 2014	<p>The Administration/MTRCL were requested to –</p> <p>a) provide information on when the service of West Rail Line would become saturated;</p> <p>b) provide the total patronage of different railway lines; and</p> <p>c) make arrangement for Subcommittee members to visit a busy MTR station (say Admiralty Station) to better understand the crowdedness of the train compartments and on the platform during peak hours at an appropriate time.</p>	<p><u>Points (a) and (b)</u> Response awaited.</p> <p><u>Point (c)</u> The Subcommittee will visit MTR Admiralty Station to observe the conditions of the train compartments and platform during peak hours on 19 May 2015</p>
4. Progress update of the construction of South Island Line (East) and Kwun Tong Line Extension	2 January 2015	The Administration/MTRCL were requested to provide information on the impact of the "Occupy Movement" on MTRCL's railway projects (say project delay and additional cost thus entailed).	Response awaited.
5. Outcome of the independent expert review of MTRCL's overhead line system as a result of the insulator incidents in February 2014	2 January and 6 March 2015	<p>The Administration/MTRCL were requested to –</p> <p>a) provide information on any action taken against the supplier of the faulty</p>	<p><u>Point (a)</u> At the Subcommittee meeting of 2 January 2015, MTRCL explained that they were seeking compensation</p>

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		<p>insulators, which had reportedly led to East Rail Line incidents on 9 and 18 February 2014 and the Light Rail incident on 22 January 2014;</p> <p>b) provide update on the progress of the action taken against the supplier of the faulty insulators, such as the claims to be resolved; and when the claims procedures to be completed; and</p> <p>c) now that the procurement of some components, like insulators, which were not expensive but had greater impact on railway service had been put under the same quality assurance measures as that for higher value or more important components, MTRCL to provide a list of such components.</p>	<p>from the supplier of the faulty insulators in accordance with the contract signed between MTRCL and the supplier.</p> <p><u>Points (b) and (c)</u> Response awaited.</p>
<p>6. Proposed creation of two directorate posts in the Railways Branch of Electrical and Mechanical Services Department ("EMSD") to enhance monitoring of railway safety</p>	<p>6 March 2015</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide –</p> <p>a) more and better justification for the creation of a permanent Chief Engineer ("CE") post in the Railways Branch of EMSD to enhance safety inspection and monitoring of existing railway service because the creation of another permanent CE post in the Railways Branch to enhance safety inspection and monitoring of new</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p>

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		<p>railway projects would be able to ease the current manpower constraints; and</p> <p>b) information on how the Community of Metros ranked different MTR train service around the world.</p>	
<p>7. Progress update of the construction of HKS of XRL</p>	<p>6 March 2015</p>	<p>The Administration/MTRCL were requested to –</p> <p>a) provide information on the impact of the blasting works on the surrounding buildings in the vicinity of West Kowloon Terminus North after the completion of three out of four planned blasts; and</p> <p>b) provide details on the basis for calculating the percentage completed for the major works progress.</p>	<p>The supplementary information was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(4)980/14-15(01) on 13 May 2015.</p>
<p>8. Report on stray dog incident on the East Rail Line on 20 August 2014</p>	<p>6 March 2015</p>	<p>The Administration/MTRCL were requested to provide response to the suggestion of developing an app that could allow members of the public to report gaps identified at the fences along railway lines; and the proposal of installing sensors to detect dogs or other animals entering the track areas.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p>