

Public Works Subcommittee Meeting on 1 June 2016
List of issues requiring follow-up actions by the Administration
Before the relevant meeting of the Finance Committee

Item PWSC (2016-17)12
414RO – Improvement Works at Mui Wo

1. Hon CHAN Chi-chuen requested the Government to provide the following supplementary information on handling illegal parking problem in Mui Wo within recent 6 months -
 - (a) the number of “dead cars” removed by the Police; and
 - (b) the number of prosecution by the Police for vehicles without Lantau Closed Road Permit within Mui Wo.

The Government’s responses are as follows:

Out of 8 “dead cars” identified in Mui Wo, the Lands Department is arranging to remove 2 “dead cars”. The remaining 6 “dead cars” are being coordinated and handled by the Police, the Lands Department and the Transport Department.

The Police take enforcement actions and set up road blocks to inspect vehicles travelling on closed roads in South Lantau from time to time. In the past six months, a total of 479 penalty tickets were issued to drivers who did not possess the “Lantau Closed Road Permit”, of which 1 penalty ticket was issued in Mui Wo.

2. Hon WU Chi-wai requested the Government to provide information on the background of providing free parking spaces in South Lantau; and how to avoid substantial increase of private vehicles within South Lantau due to provision of free parking spaces.

The Government’s response is as follows:

The provision of free parking spaces in South Lantau by the Government has its historical background. As South Lantau is a remote rural area, the local residents often rely on private vehicles to carry out activities within or outside South Lantau. Some residents living in South Lantau have long been driving to Mui Wo, park their vehicles there and then take ferry to the urban areas or carry out leisure and recreational activities in Mui Wo. As such, they require parking spaces in Mui Wo to park their vehicles for a longer duration. If the parking spaces are installed with parking meters that have an upper parking limit of two hours, it

would be difficult for these main users to find appropriate parking spaces.

However, for some locations in Mui Wo, such as those adjacent to convenient stores, parking spaces are equipped with parking meters so that users will only park their vehicles there for a short period of time. This can increase the turnover rate of the parking spaces, hence drivers can find a parking space at such locations easier.

Whether there are free parking spaces is only one of the considerations when residents in South Lantau decide to buy private vehicles. To address the changing demand of parking spaces in South Lantau, the Government will conduct reviews on whether the use of parking spaces at different locations should charge fees at regular intervals and prior to the completion of Improvement Works at Mui Wo, Phase 2 Stage 1.

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