

(Translation)

**Panel on Transport
Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways**

**Motion on "Loading of Light Rail"
passed at the meeting on 19 April 2016**

"That, as Light Rail Vehicles ("LRVs") are seriously overcrowded during morning peak hours and many residents in New Territories West have reflected that they have to wait for two to three LRVs before they can get on board when going to work or school in the morning, and when the loading of Light Rail is calculated on the basis that each LRV can carry 200 passengers (equivalent to a passenger density of 6 to 7 persons (standing) per square metre ("ppsm")), seven out of the 12 routes have a loading exceeding 80% during morning peak hours with four (505, 507, 614 and 615) among them standing at an even higher level of 90% or above, this Committee urges the Transport and Housing Bureau to discuss immediately with the MTR Corporation Limited the implementation of short-term measures to:

- (1) revise the present calculation basis of the loading of Light Rail from a carrying capacity of 200 passengers per LRV (equivalent to a passenger density of 6 to 7 ppsm) to the common standard adopted by other rails, which is based on a passenger density of 4 ppsm, so as to reflect the actual loading of LRVs; and
- (2) fully deploy, during the morning peak, coupled-set LRVs to serve routes with a loading (based on a passenger density of 4 ppsm) of 80% or above, so as to alleviate the problem of crowdedness during morning peak hours."

Moved by: Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun