

**LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to Animal Rights**

**Government's responses to the follow-up items
requested by the Subcommittee**

At the meeting of 26 June 2017, Members requested the Government to respond to Mr CHAN Han-pan's suggestion of requiring vehicles entering the closed roads in Lantau to install detective systems that could detect the presence of animals and other vehicles on roads so as to avoid collision.

2. The Transport Department responds as follows:

To reduce traffic incidents involving vehicles hitting animals on road, the Transport Department would install suitable traffic signs and "SLOW" road marking at suitable locations, to alert drivers on the presence of animals on road. Currently, we have installed 26 "Beware of Cattle" signs at locations with cattle observed with along South Lantau Road, Keung Shan Road, Tai O Road and Tung Chung Road to alert the drivers on the cattle along the road.

Regarding the proposal on requiring vehicles entering the closed roads in Lantau to install detective systems that could detect the presence of animals and other vehicles on roads so as to avoid collision, we revealed that there is no major overseas jurisdictions planning or requiring similar systems to be installed in vehicles. Nevertheless, the Department is open-minded about adopting new transport technologies in Hong Kong. If the development of such detective systems becomes mature and widely adopted in overseas jurisdictions, the Department would facilitate the testing of such systems in Hong Kong with a view to assessing their suitability and safety implications in the local context to safeguard road safety for all road users.

The Transport Department will continue to monitor the traffic condition at Lantau Closed Road and propose suitable improvement measures if necessary.

**Transport Department
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