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Bills Committee on Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2018

**Minutes of the first meeting held on
Monday, 23 April 2018, at 8:30 am
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

Members present : Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP
Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP
Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP
Hon LAM Cheuk-ting
Hon LUK Chung-hung
Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho

Public officers attending : **Agenda item II**

Mr Kevin CHOI, JP
Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing
(Transport)2

Miss Crystal YIP
Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and
Housing (Transport)1

Ms Stella LEE
Assistant Commissioner for Transport/
Management and Paratransit

Mr Patrick NG
Chief Transport Officer/Planning/Taxi
Transport Department

Miss Wendy HO
Government Counsel
Department of Justice

Clerk in attendance : Mr Lemuel WOO
Chief Council Secretary (4)6

Staff in attendance : Mr Alvin CHUI
Assistant Legal Adviser 3

Ms Macy NG
Senior Council Secretary (4)6

Miss Katherine CHAN
Council Secretary (4)6

Ms Emily LIU
Legislative Assistant (4)6

Action

I. Election of Chairman

Mr Frankie YICK, the member who had the highest precedence among members of the Bills Committee present at the meeting, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Bills Committee.

2. Mr Frankie YICK invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Bills Committee. Mr LAM Cheuk-ting nominated Mr Frankie YICK, and the nomination was seconded by Mr Jeremy TAM. Mr Frankie YICK accepted the nomination.

3. There being no other nominations, Mr Frankie YICK was elected as the Chairman of the Bills Committee.

II. Meeting with the Administration

[LC Paper No. CB(3)336/17-18, File Ref: THB(T)L 3/3/5, LC Paper Nos. LS45/17-18 and CB(4)950/17-18(01)]

Discussion

4. The Administration briefed members on the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2018 ("the Bill"). The Bills Committee deliberated (index of proceedings in **Appendix**).

5. The Bills Committee requested the Administration to provide supplementary information on the justification for the proposed validity period for driver identity plates for taxis and public light buses to be 10 years, such as feedback from the trades and materials to be used to make the driver identity plates more durable.

(Post-meeting note: The supplementary information was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)1187/17-18(02) on 1 June 2018.)

Clause-by-clause examination of the Bill

6. The Bills Committee completed clause-by-clause examination of the Bill and no amendment to the Bill was proposed. The Administration indicated its intention to resume the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 16 May 2018.

(Post-meeting note: The Administration advised the Bills Committee that the Second Reading debate on the Bill would be resumed on 27 June 2018.)

III. Any other business

7. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:51 am.

Council Business Division 4
Legislative Council Secretariat
12 June 2018

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Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
<i>Agenda item I – Election of Chairman</i>			
000601 – 000735	Mr Frankie YICK Mr LAM Cheuk-ting Mr Jeremy TAM	Election of Chairman	
<i>Agenda item II – Meeting with the Administration</i>			
000736 – 000830	Chairman	Opening remarks	
000831 – 001109	Administration	Briefing by the Administration on the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2018 ("the Bill")	
001110 – 001646	Chairman Mr Jeremy TAM Administration	Concerns about the proposed validity period of the driver identity plates, and enquiry about the charges for producing the driver identity plates	
001647 – 002208	Chairman Mr LAM Cheuk-ting Administration	Concerns about the proposed validity period of the driver identity plates	
002209 – 002842	Chairman Mr CHAN Han-pan Administration	Suggestions on enhancing the functions of the driver identity plates	
002843 – 003413	Chairman Mr KWOK Wai-keung Administration	Expression of support to extend the validity period of the driver identity plates to 10 years, and request for expediting the relevant legislative procedure	
003414 – 003653	Chairman Administration	Expression of support to extend the validity period of the driver identity plates, and suggestions on enhancing their functions and design	
003654 – 004317	Chairman Mr Jeremy TAM Administration	Views on the materials and charges for producing the driver identity plates	
004318 – 004850	Chairman Mr LAM Cheuk-ting Administration	Concerns about the proposed validity period of the driver identity plates, and views on their materials to be used	
004851 – 005201	Chairman Mr KWOK Wai-keung Administration	Expression of support to extend the validity period of the driver identity plates	

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005202 – 005425	Chairman Administration	Views on the future changes to the validity period of the driver identity plates, and suggestions on enhancing their functions and design	
005426 – 010130	Chairman Mr Jeremy TAM Administration	Concerns about the proposed validity period of the driver identity plates, and views on their materials, production and issuance Request for the Administration to provide supplementary information as mentioned in paragraph 5 of the minutes	Admin
010131 – 010555	Chairman Mr KWOK Wai-keung Administration	Views on the materials of the driver identity plates and request for enhancing public education among the taxi and public light bus drivers on the statutory requirement on displaying the driver identity plates properly The Administration's undertaking that it would review the validity period for the driver identity plates having regard to their durability in future	
010556 – 010811	Chairman Assistant Legal Adviser 3 ("ALA3")	ALA3's advice that if amendments had to be made for the validity period of driver identity plates, such amendments should be made by subsidiary legislation The Chairman's suggestion that, to streamline the administrative procedures, the Administration should study whether it was possible to empower the Commissioner for Transport to amend the validity period of driver identity plates by notice in Gazette in future as that under regulations 51(6) and 51(8) of the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374D)	
010812 – 011553	Chairman Mr Jeremy TAM Administration	Views on the production and issuance of the driver identity plates The Administration's undertaking to review the production quality of the driver identity plates three years after the implementation of new specifications, and consider specifying new design for the plates so as to require drivers to renew their plates if the production quality was unsatisfactory or the problem of colour fading was serious	

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011554 – 011731	Chairman Mr KWOK Wai-keung Mr Jeremy TAM	The Chairman consulted members on the need to invite public views on the Bill and members considered it not necessary to do so	
011732 – 012006	Chairman Administration	Commencement of clause-by-clause examination of the Bill <u>Clauses 1 and 3</u> Members raised no question	
012007 – 012212	Chairman Administration	<u>Clause 4</u> Concerning the proposed substitution of "him" for "the passenger" in the English version under regulations 51(1) and 51(5) of Cap. 374D, the Chairman remarked that it was not necessary to amend the Chinese version, in which "乘客" had been adopted in the existing legislation	
012213 – 012359	Chairman Mr Jeremy TAM Administration	<u>Clause 5</u> Enquiry about repealing the existing requirement of updating the drivers' photographs on the driver identity plates once every 12 months	
012400 – 012418	Chairman ALA3	ALA3 informed members that having carefully studied the Bill, the Legal Service Division considered the Chinese and English texts of the Bill consistent	
012419 – 012509	Chairman Administration	Completion of clause-by-clause examination of the Bill Legislative timetable	
<i>Agenda item III – Any other business</i>			
012510 – 012527	Chairman	Closing remarks	