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**Bills Committee on
Road Traffic Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2000**

**First meeting on
Wednesday, 17 May 2000, at 2:15 pm
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Hon CHAN Kwok-keung (Chairman)
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP
Hon Bernard CHAN
Hon CHAN Kam-lam
Hon Howard YOUNG, JP
Hon LAU Kong-wah
Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-yee, JP

Members absent : Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

Clerk in attendance : Mr Andy LAU
Chief Assistant Secretary (1)2

Staff in attendance : Miss Irene MAN
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)9

I Election of Chairman

Mr CHAN Kwok-keung was elected Chairman of the meeting.

II Discussion on the way forward

(LC Paper No.CB(3)625/99-00, LegCo Brief (Ref: TRAN 3/9/21 Pt 6) and LS 96/99-00)

2. Members noted that the item on measures to combat speeding had been discussed by the Transport Panel. The Panel was concerned about the speed limit structure and the criteria for determining the speed limits on certain road sections. The Panel called on the Administration to review the speed limits of roads in Hong Kong before revising the penalties for speeding offences.

3. To facilitate the subsequent scrutiny of the Bill, members agreed to request the Administration to provide information on the following:

- (a) the outcome of the Administration's consideration of suggestions made by the public concerning the review of speed limits of certain road sections;
- (b) the standards and existing policy on the provision of regulatory signs showing the maximum speed limit of roads and other warning signs showing the change of speed limit; and
- (c) the breakdown of enforcement statistics on speeding offences in 1997-1999 with reference to the speed limits of road sections.

(Post meeting note : The information was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 1682/99-00(01)).

4. Mrs Miriam LAU informed the meeting that the transport trades did not object to the proposed increase of penalties for serious speeding offences but considered the speed limits of certain road sections to be unrealistically low which might contributed to the seriousness of speeding offences in Hong Kong.

5. Members agreed to invite submissions from the transport trades and other interested parties. They also agreed to give the deputations two weeks to submit their views.

(Post-meeting note: Invitation letters to 66 deputations were issued on 19 May 2000 and a meeting was scheduled for 5 June 2000 at 2:30 p.m. to receive oral representation from the transport trades.)

6. Members agreed to schedule the next meeting at a later stage pending the Administration's response to the questions raised by members.

(Post meeting note : With the concurrence of the Chairman, the next meeting was scheduled for 29 May 2000.)

III Any other business

7. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:33 p.m.

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