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**Bills Committee on
Tung Chung Cable Car Bill**

**Meeting on
Friday, 4 April 2003, at 2:30 pm
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon Howard YOUNG, JP
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

Member absent : Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP

Public officers attending : Economic Development and Labour Bureau

Mr Duncan PESCOD
Deputy Commissioner for Tourism

Mrs Erika HUI
Assistant Commissioner for Tourism

Miss Joan HUNG
Administrative Officer (Tourism)

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Department of Justice

Mr John WILSON
Consultant Counsel

Ms Carmen CHU
Senior Government Counsel

Transport Department

Ms Carolina YIP
Assistant Commissioner/Bus & Railway

Territory Development Department

Mr Patrick TANG
Senior Engineer

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

Staff in attendance : Miss Connie FUNG
Assistant Legal Adviser 3

Ms Debbie YAU
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)1

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I Meeting with the Administration

- (LC Paper No. CB(3)329/02-03 - The Bill;
LC Paper No. CB(1)1213/02-03(01) - Information paper provided by the Administration in response to issues raised at the meeting on 17.3.2003;
LC Paper No. CB(1)1364/02-03(02) - Information paper provided by the Administration in response to issues raised at the meeting on 31.3.2003;
- LC Paper No. CB(1)1094/02-03(01) - Letter dated 5.3.2003 from Assistant Legal Adviser to the Administration;
LC Paper No. CB(1)1094/02-03(02) - The Administration's reply dated 13.3.2003 to the Assistant Legal Adviser; and

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LC Paper No. CB(1) 1364/02-03(01) - Submission from Mr YEUNG Wai-sing, Eastern District Council Member)

2. The Bills Committee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex A**).
3. The Bills Committee requested the Administration to provide further information on the following to facilitate their consideration:
 - (a) Wind data collected by MTR Corporation Limited through the temporary wind monitoring stations at the strategic locations in Lantau North Country Park;
 - (b) Mechanism for ensuring that the fare levels of the Tung Chung Cable Car would not be set too high;
 - (c) Planning and design of the Ngong Ping Public Transport Interchange (PTI), including the existing provision of parking spaces for different classes of vehicles at Ngong Ping, the priority of use by different transport modes in the new PTI, the planned provision of parking spaces for different classes of vehicles in the new PTI preferably with a layout plan, the permit system and closed road policy for different classes of vehicles upon the widening of the Tung Chung Road and whether the prohibited zone permit arrangement would be relaxed to meet the travel and tourism demand; and
 - (d) Parking demand and supply situation in the vicinity of the Tung Chung Terminal, including a location plan for the parking facilities.

Date of next meeting

4. The Bills Committee noted that the next meeting would be held on 11 April 2003 at 10:45 am to continue discussion with the Administration on the Bill and to examine the Bill clause-by-clause as appropriate.

II Any other business

5. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:30 pm.

**Proceedings of the meeting of the Bills Committee on
Tung Chung Cable Car Bill
Friday, 4 April 2003, at 2:30 pm
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Time	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action Required
<i>Agenda Item I - Meeting with Administration</i>			
000000 - 000349	Chairman Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming remarks • Briefing by the Administration on LC Paper Nos. CB(1)1213/02-03(01) and CB(1)1364/02-03(02) 	
000350 - 001123	Mr Howard YOUNG Admin Chairman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cable car design, its comfort features and its resistance to wind • Criteria for terminating the operation of the cable car during adverse weather conditions • Installation of temporary wind monitoring stations by MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) to ascertain the wind situation along the alignment • Availability of alternative public transport service if the cable car system was temporarily shut down 	
001124 - 001823	Mr Albert CHAN Admin Chairman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windshear data and the impact of sudden change of wind speed on the operation of the cable car 	The Admin to provide the requested information as per paragraph 3(a) of the minutes
001824 - 002153	Ir Dr Raymond HO Chairman Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design, safety, performance and functional requirements of the Tung Chung Cable Car system • Compliance with the safety requirements stipulated in the Aerial Ropeways (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 211) 	
002154 - 002919	Ms Miriam LAU Admin Chairman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth in total tourist numbers and new business opportunities for other public transport operators in Lantau • Design and development of the Public Transport Interchange (PTI) at Ngong Ping adjacent to the sewage treatment plant • Only Lantau taxis were allowed to operate in Ngong Ping 	
002920 - 003713	Mrs Selina CHOW Chairman Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures to enhance the transparency of the fare setting mechanism to avoid excessive fare • Concessionary fares offered by MTRCL to travellers 	The Admin to provide the requested information as per paragraph 3(b) of the minutes
003714 - 003837	Chairman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to the invitation for public views • Written submission from a Eastern District Council Member [LC Paper No. CB(1)1364/02-03(01)] 	

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003838 - 004714	Mr Howard YOUNG Admin Chairman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The relationship between the granting of the development rights for the Tourist Corridor in the form of a Private Treaty Grant to MTRCL and the franchise to MTRCL for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the Tung Chung Cable Car system and whether MTRCL had the right to operate the Tourist Corridor even if the franchise of the cable car system was revoked. • Design of the Tourist Corridor to blend in with the natural and religious setting of the area and its tranquil environment • Possibility of establishing other transport means between Ngong Ping Terminal and Po Lin Monastery • Concern about the operation of the Tourist Corridor as a monopoly 	
004715 - 010322	Mr Albert CHAN Admin Chairman Ms Miriam LAU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the development rights of both the Tourist Corridor and the cable car system should be granted to the same proponent • Funding arrangement for the sewage treatment plant in the area and whether MTRCL should be required to finance the project • Planning and design of the Ngong Ping PTI, including provision of parking spaces for different classes of vehicles there, and the permit system and closed road policy for different classes of vehicles upon the widening of the Tung Chung Road • Parking facilities and arrangement in the vicinity of Tung Chung PTI • Similarities and differences between the Peak Tram and the Tung Chung Cable Car project in terms of fare regulation, restrictions imposed on different classes of vehicles, provision of parking spaces in the vicinity of the termini etc 	The Admin to provide the requested information as per paragraph 3(c) - (d) of the minutes
010323 - 011610	Mrs Selina CHOW Admin Chairman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanism to ensure fare levels of the Tung Chung Cable Car would not be set too high • Whether the granting of the development right of the Tourist Corridor to MTRCL was a means to improve the financial viability of the Tung Chung Cable Car project 	The Admin to provide the requested information as per paragraph 3(b) of the minutes
011611 - 012517	Mr Albert CHAN Chairman Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to maintain a proper mix of different transport modes in the area upon the widening of Tung Chung Road • The impact of fog on the operation of the Tung Chung Cable Car system • Information on existing provision of parking spaces for different classes of vehicles at Ngong Ping 	The Admin to provide the requested information as per paragraph 3(c) of the minutes
012518 - 013050	Mr Howard YOUNG Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to consider the priority of use by different transport modes in the new PTI at 	The Admin to provide the requested

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	Chairman	Ngong Ping, given the travelling pattern of overseas visitors to try out different modes of transport during their journeys to various tourist spots <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibility of designating the rooftop of the sewage treatment plant as carpark • Provision of public toilets in both cable car termini and the Tourist Corridor 	information as per paragraph 3(c) of the minutes
013051 - 014248	Mrs Selina CHOW Admin Ms Miriam LAU Chairman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the industry had been consulted on the planning and design of the Ngong Ping PTI • Whether the prohibited zone permit arrangement would be relaxed to meet the travel and tourism demand • The priority of use by different transport modes in the new PTI at Ngong Ping • Parking demand and supply situation in the vicinity of the Tung Chung Terminal 	The Admin to provide the requested information as per paragraph 3(c) - (d) of the minutes
014249 - 015357	Mr Howard YOUNG Mrs Selina CHOW Admin Chairman Ms Miriam LAU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether permit would be granted to limousine or vehicles serving business or family tours to travel to and park at Ngong Ping PTI • Consultation mechanism and involvement of the public and the travel and tourism industries upon the gazettal of the relevant outline zoning plans • Review of the permit system upon widening of Tung Chung Road 	The Admin to provide the requested information as per paragraphs 3 (c) - (d) of the minutes
015358 - 015900	Chairman Ms Miriam LAU Mr Howard YOUNG Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of next meeting: 11 April 2003 at 10:45 am to continue discussion with the Administration and to examine the Bill clause-by-clause as appropriate 	