## Subcommittee to Study the Transport Needs and Provision of Concessionary Public Transport Fares for Persons with Disabilities

### **Information Paper for Meeting on 15 January 2008**

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this paper is to report the latest position on the Administration's follow up actions on the provision of concessionary public transport fares to persons with disabilities after the Subcommittee meeting of 9 October 2007.

# PROVISION OF FARE CONCESSION TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIE (PWDs)

2. At the Question and Answer Session on the Policy Address held on 11 October 2007 in the Legislative Council, the Chief Executive (CE) stated that the Administration was still considering the provision of concessionary public transport fares to PWDs and a decision would be made within one to two months. CE announced at the Summit on Social Enterprise held on 20 December 2007, that the Government had decided to provide concessionary public transport fares to PWDs to help them to integrate into society. The Financial Secretary and the Secretary for Labour and Welfare are actively considering the relevant implementation details. The Financial Secretary will announce the scheme in the coming Budget in February 2008. After that, the Administration will report back to the Subcommittee.

#### **ADVICE SOUGHT**

3. Members are invited to note the content of the paper.

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