

**Subcommittee on Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment)
Regulation 2008**

Follow-up to meeting on 21 October 2008

At the Subcommittee meeting held on 21 October 2008, the Administration was requested to take the following actions –

- (a) To provide details on enforcement against taxi discount gangs by the Police, including the relevant prosecution figures, how effective such actions were, and prosecution against taxi drivers for dangerous driving when they took orders through their mobile phones while driving;
- (b) To address members' concerns about the possible adverse impacts of the proposed taxi fare adjustment on the livelihood of taxi drivers by providing further details on the costs of taxi operation, including cost components such as license premium, maintenance cost, fuel cost, insurance cost, etc. The cost components should be presented in monetary terms instead of in percentage; and
- (c) To address members' concern about the effectiveness of the new taxi fare structure in curtailing discount gang activities, by providing a paper on measures to prevent fare bargaining for discussion by the Subcommittee. The Administration should set out in the paper concrete proposals to ensure payment of taxi fares according to the taximeter, such as measures to strengthen enforcement against taxi discount gangs and legislative amendment to forbid fare bargaining by passengers, as well as the timeframe for implementation of the proposals. The subject might be followed up by the Panel on Transport where necessary.