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Panel on Environmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Improving Air Quality

Minutes of meeting
held on Wednesday, 10 March 2010, at 8:30 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

- Members present** : Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP (Chairman)
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH
Hon CHAN Hak-kan
Hon CHAN Kin-por, JP
- Members absent** : Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
- Public officers attending** : **For item II**
- Dr Kitty POON
Under Secretary for the Environment
- Mr Carlson K S CHAN
Deputy Director of Environmental Protection (3)
Environmental Protection Department
- Mr MOK Wai-chuen
Assistant Director (Air Policy)
Environmental Protection Department
- Mr Edmond HO
Principal Environmental Protection Officer
(Mobile Source)
Environmental Protection Department

**Attendance by
invitation**

: For item II

Hong Kong Container Tractor Owner Association

Mr Ricky WONG
Chairman

Mini Spotters

Ms Annelise CONNELL
Spokesperson

Hong Kong Scheduled (GMB) Licensee Association

Mr WONG Man-kit
Chairman

China Hong Kong and Macau Boundary Crossing Bus
Association

Mr Alan CHAN
3th Vice Chairman & Secretary General

Hong Kong Bus Suppliers Association

Mr John MA
Chairman

Motor Traders Association of Hong Kong

Mr Johnson LI
Secretary General

Right Hand Drive Motors Association (HK) Ltd

Mr Danny WONG
Meritorious Chairman

Tsuen Wan District Tourists and Passengers Omnibus
Operators Association

Mr TANG Chi-keung
Chairman

Public Omnibus Operators Association Ltd

Mr Matthew WONG
Chairman

The Federation of Hong Kong & Kowloon Labour
Unions (Transport Industry Committee)

Ms SO Po-ling
Representative

Taxi & P.L.B. Concern Group

Mr LAI Ming-hung
Chairman

Civic Exchange

Mr Mike KILBURN
Environmental Programme Manager

Clean Air Network

Ms KWONG Sum-yin
Campaign Manager

Hong Kong Waste Disposal Industry Association

Mr Thomas TAM
Chairman

Yuen Long District Tourists and Passengers Omnibus
Operators Association

Mr YIP Wing-ching
Chairman

Lok Ma Chau China - Hong Kong Freight Association

Mr Stanley CHAING
Chairman

New Territories West Bus / Coaches Association

Mr MAN Hoi-tik
Chief Executive Officer

Clerk in attendance : Miss Becky YU
Chief Council Secretary (1)1

Staff in attendance : Mrs Mary TANG
Senior Council Secretary (1)2

Miss Mandy POON
Legislative Assistant (1)4

I. Confirmation of minutes

(LC Paper No. CB(1) 1246/09-10 — Minutes of the meeting held on
4 January 2010)

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2010 were confirmed.

II. Early replacement of old diesel commercial vehicles

Meeting with deputations

2. The Chairman invited views from the following deputations -

- (a) Hong Kong Container Tractor Owner Association
- (b) Mini Spotters
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1339/09-10(01)
- (c) Hong Kong Scheduled (GMB) Licensee Association
- (d) China Hong Kong and Macau Boundary Crossing Bus Association
- (e) Hong Kong Bus Suppliers Association
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1366/09-10(01)
- (f) Motor Traders Association of Hong Kong
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1339/09-10(12)
- (g) Right Hand Drive Motors Association (HK) Ltd
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1339/09-10(03)
- (h) Tsuen Wan District Tourists and Passengers Omnibus Operators
Association
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1345/09-10(01)
- (i) Public Omnibus Operators Association Ltd
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1345/09-10(02)
- (j) The Federation of Hong Kong & Kowloon Labour Unions (Transport
Industry Committee)
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1366/09-10(02)

- (k) Taxi & P.L.B. Concern Group
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1345/09-10(03)
- (l) Civic Exchange
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1366/09-10(03)
- (m) Clean Air Network
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1366/09-10(04)
- (n) Hong Kong Waste Disposal Industry Association
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1345/09-10(04)
- (o) Yuen Long District Tourists and Passengers Omnibus Operators
Association
- (p) Lok Ma Chau China - Hong Kong Freight Association
- (q) New Territories West Bus / Coaches Association
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1345/09-10(05)

Submissions from deputations not attending the meeting

- LC Paper No. CB(1) 1339/09-10(05) — Submission from Federation of Hong Kong Industries (Chinese version only)
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 1339/09-10(06) — Submission from Federation of Hong Kong Transport Worker Organizations (Chinese version only)
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 1366/09-10(05) — Submission from The Goods Vehicle Fleet Owners Association Ltd

Meeting with the Administration

- (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1250/09-10(01) — Administration's paper on early replacement of old diesel commercial vehicles
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 1250/09-10(02) — List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 4 January 2010)
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 1339/09-10(07) — Administration's response to CB(1) 1250/09-10(02))

3. The Subcommittee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached in **Annex**).

4. The Administration was requested to -
 - (a) advise the basis upon which the funding of \$540 million and the take-up rate of 26% under the proposed one off-grant to encourage early replacement of Euro II diesel commercial vehicles was arrived at;
 - (b) provide more details on the proposal to raise vehicle licence fees of aged commercial vehicles, including implementation time-table, extent of increase etc. To also advise whether consideration would be given to buying back these aged commercial vehicles before raising their licence fees with a view to reducing the numbers of such vehicles on the roads; and
 - (c) provide written response (in tabular form) to deputations' views expressed at the meeting.

5. Members agreed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 6 May 2010, at 2:30 pm to discuss the control of emissions from non-road mobile sources.

III. Any other business

6. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:30 am.

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Legislative Council Secretariat
29 April 2010

Panel on Environmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Improving Air Quality

**Proceedings of the meeting
on Wednesday, 10 March 2010, at 8:30 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
<i>Agenda Item I - Confirmation of minutes</i>			
000837 - 000902	Chairman	The minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2010 (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1246/09-10) were confirmed.	
<i>Agenda Item II - Early replacement of old diesel commercial vehicles</i>			
000903 - 001328	Chairman Administration	Administration's explanation on - (a) the special arrangement under the one-off grant scheme for pre-Euro and Euro I diesel commercial vehicles to help eligible owners to retain their eligibility for the grant upon the expiry of the scheme on 31 March 2010; (b) the proposed scheme to encourage early replacement of Euro II diesel commercial vehicles; and (c) the proposal to increase the licence fees for aged commercial vehicles.	
001329 - 001651	Mr Ricky WONG, Hong Kong Container Tractor Owner Association	Expression of views - (a) the slow down in application for the one-off grant in September 2008 was due to the financial crisis rather than the extension of the application deadline to 31 March 2010; (b) support for the special arrangement as owners were more willing to replace their ageing vehicles as the economy recovered; and (c) did not support the proposed increase in licence fees for aged commercial vehicles as this could not achieve the intended purpose of encouraging early replacement.	
001652 - 001955	Ms Annelise CONNELL, Mini Spotters	Expression of views (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1339/09-10(01)) -	

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		<p>(a) all polluting vehicles should be tested on the dynamometer and put off the road if they failed the test;</p> <p>(b) various subsidy schemes were failures and had driven up the price of second-hand polluting vehicles;</p> <p>(c) extension of the one-off grant scheme would only extend the service of ageing vehicles; and</p> <p>(d) support for the proposed increase in licence fees for aged commercial vehicles.</p>	
001956 - 002329	Mr WONG Man-kit, Hong Kong Scheduled (GMB) Licensee Association	<p>Expression of views -</p> <p>(a) Euro IV vehicles were very problematic due to frequent breakdowns; and</p> <p>(b) measures, such as increasing the seating capacity of public light buses (PLBs), would encourage early replacement of PLBs. Besides, PLB operators would be more willing to offer concessionary fares to children and the elderly as a result of increase in income.</p>	
002330 - 002716	Mr Alan CHAN, China Hong Kong and Macau Boundary Crossing Bus Association	<p>Expression of views -</p> <p>(a) the low take-up rate of the one-off grant scheme was attributable to the rising operating cost due to increased fuel and vehicle costs; and</p> <p>(b) the subsidy of 12% and 18% of the cost of pre-Euro and Euro I vehicles respectively was not attractive to owners given the high replacement cost. There was a need to increase the level of subsidy.</p>	
002717 - 003045	Mr John MA, Hong Kong Bus Suppliers Association	<p>Expression of views (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1366/09-10(01)) -</p> <p>(a) welcomed the proposal to encourage early replacement of Euro II diesel commercial vehicles;</p> <p>(b) measures, such as exemption of first registration tax (FRT) and provision of 20% subsidy, should be introduced to encourage replacement with Euro V</p>	

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		<p>vehicles. A higher subsidy, say 30%, should be provided for replacement vehicles with better emission performance than Euro V vehicles;</p> <p>(c) consideration should be given to making the grant a standing scheme to help owners to replace their aged vehicles; and</p> <p>(d) a fund should be set up for testing of new models of environment friendly vehicles to ensure their compatibility with Hong Kong's unique conditions.</p>	
003046 - 003427	Mr Johnson LI, Motor Traders Association of Hong Kong	<p>Expression of views (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1339/09-10(03)) -</p> <p>(a) need for continued efforts to phase out pre-Euro and Euro I vehicles;</p> <p>(b) the requirement for owners to replace their vehicles with new ones in order to qualify for the grant should be abolished. Owners who scrapped their vehicles should also be eligible so that they could use the grant to set up other businesses or buy second-hand vehicles to continue their trade; and</p> <p>(c) consideration could be given to providing the grant in the form of coupons such that owners could redeem the coupons at a later stage upon purchase of new vehicles.</p>	
003428 - 003650	Mr Danny WONG, Right Hand Drive Motors Association (HK) Ltd	<p>Support for relaxing the existing requirements to allow for the use of darker tinted glass panels to screen off sunlight more effectively, thereby lowering the temperature of the vehicle cabin.</p>	
003651 - 004023	Mr TANG Chi-keung, Tsuen Wan District Tourists and Passengers Omnibus Operators Association	<p>Expression of views (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1345/09-10(01)) -</p> <p>(a) the Administration had failed to take into account the special nature, needs and affordability of the transport trades when formulating the one-off grant scheme. Instead of setting a deadline for the scheme, the Administration should take into consideration the state of economy;</p>	

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		<p>(b) Euro I vehicles with first registration after 31 March 1997 were not eligible for the one-off grant;</p> <p>(c) to encourage early replacement of polluting vehicles to improve air quality, consideration should be given to -</p> <p>(i) making the one-off grant a standing scheme to help owners to replace their polluting vehicles;</p> <p>(ii) extending the coverage of the scheme to vehicles aged nine to 11 years; and</p> <p>(iii) increasing the subsidy to provide a greater incentive for replacement.</p>	
004024 - 004141	Mr Matthew WONG, Public Omnibus Operators Association Ltd	<p>Expression of views (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1345/09-10(02)) -</p> <p>(a) the subsidy should be increased to say 20% of the price of a new vehicle in order to provide a greater incentive for replacement; and</p> <p>(b) extending the scheme to cover Euro II and Euro III vehicles, as well as franchised buses.</p>	
004142 - 004334	Ms SO Po-ling, The Federation of Hong Kong & Kowloon Labour Unions (Transport Industry Committee)	<p>Expression of views (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1366/09-10(02)) -</p> <p>(a) need to review the one-off grant scheme given the low take-up rate; and</p> <p>(b) support for increase in subsidy, extension of the coverage of the scheme, and provision of loans for replacement of vehicles.</p>	
004335 - 004643	Mr LAI Ming-hung, Taxi & P.L.B. Concern Group	<p>Expression of views (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1345/09-10(03)) -</p> <p>(a) need to ensure compatibility and supply of replacement vehicles before implementing any replacement schemes; and</p> <p>(b) owners who registered their pre-Euro or Euro I vehicles before the deadline on 31 March 2010 should be allowed to retain their eligibility for the one-off grant scheme.</p>	

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004644 - 005025	Mr Mike KILBURN, Civic Exchange	<p>Expression of views (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1366/09-10(03)) -</p> <p>(a) the Administration should explain why the one-off grant scheme for pre-Euro and Euro I vehicles did not work; what lessons had been learnt to enhance the proposal to encourage early replacement of Euro II vehicles, and what would be done about emissions from pre-Euro and Euro I vehicles;</p> <p>(b) legislators should support the Administration's proposal to increase licence fees for aged polluting vehicles on the basis of polluter-pays principle. The fees should be set using a sliding scale so that more polluting vehicles would pay more; and</p> <p>(c) need for a clear timeframe for implementation of the proposal to increase licence fees.</p>	
005026 - 005341	Ms KWONG Sum-yin, Clean Air Network	<p>Expression of views (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1366/09-10(04)) -</p> <p>(a) green groups might not be adequately represented in the deliberation process if only transport companies and parties who participated previously in the discussion were invited to give views;</p> <p>(b) the proposed \$540 million subsidy scheme for early replacement of Euro II diesel vehicles should be enhanced as follows -</p> <p>(i) the per-vehicle subsidy should be increased from 18% to 25% of replacement value;</p> <p>(ii) the duration of the scheme should be shortened to 24 or even 18 months to genuinely accelerate early replacement;</p> <p>(iii) a moderately higher take-up rate of 35% rather than 26% should be assumed.</p> <p>(c) licence fees for oldest vehicles should be increased by 20% such that vehicle owners would seriously reconsider the need to keep these vehicles; and</p>	

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		(d) part of the funds for the Pilot Green Scheme should be used to enhance the proposed scheme to encourage early replacement of Euro II vehicles.	
005342 - 005704	Mr Thomas TAM, Hong Kong Waste Disposal Industry Association	Expression of views (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1345/09-10(04)) - (a) the low take-up rate of the one-off grant was attributable to the financial crisis and the downturn in economy; (b) the one-off grant scheme was encroached by vehicles dealers who increased the prices of new Euro VI vehicles by 20%; and (c) owners who replaced their pre-Euro and Euro I vehicles with second-hand vehicles of Euro II and above standards should also qualify for the one-off grant scheme.	
005705 - 005913	Mr YIP Wing-ching, Yuen Long District Tourists and Passengers Omnibus Operators Association	Expression of views - (a) need to review the \$3.2 billion one-off grant scheme given the low take-up rate; and (b) support for provision of low interest loans to assist owners to replace polluting vehicles.	
005914 - 010149	Mr Stanley CHAING, Lok Ma Chau China - Hong Kong Freight Association	Expression of views - (a) support for extension of the one-off grant scheme to allow more time for owners to secure loans from lending institutions to replace their vehicles, since the latter were not willing to approve loans to vehicle owners as a result of the financial crisis; (b) consideration should be given to offering the grant in the form of coupons such that owners who scrapped their vehicles could redeem the coupons upon purchase of new vehicles or second-hand vehicles at a later stage; and (c) the transport trades were opposed to the proposed increase in licence fees for aged vehicles.	

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010150 - 010417	Mr MAN Hoi-tik, New Territories West Bus / Coaches Association	<p>Expression of views (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1345/09-10(05)) -</p> <p>(a) the low take-up rate of the one-off grant scheme was mainly due to the high price, high maintenance cost and operational problems of Euro IV vehicles;</p> <p>(b) subsidies for replacement of Euro II vehicles should be calculated according to the age of vehicles. For example, the subsidy for Euro II vehicles aged 11, 10 and 9 years should be \$200,000, \$270,000 and \$340,000 respectively; and</p> <p>(c) the proposed replacement scheme for Euro II vehicles should be extended by two years to allow sufficient time for replacement.</p>	
010418 - 011516	Administration Chairman	<p>Administrations' response to deputations' views -</p> <p>(a) further extension of the one-off grant scheme was considered not appropriate as it would go against the objective of encouraging early replacement of pre-Euro and Euro I diesel commercial vehicles to bring early relief to roadside air pollution;</p> <p>(b) the suggestion of making the scheme a standing arrangement and the provision of coupons to be redeemed upon replacement at a later stage would defeat the purpose of encouraging early replacement;</p> <p>(c) the one-off grant amounting to 12% and 18% of the cost of a new vehicle for pre-Euro vehicles and Euro I vehicles respectively were considered adequate and attractive for vehicle owners to replace their vehicles;</p> <p>(d) a \$300 million Pilot Green Transport Fund would be set up for application by the transport industry to encourage the testing out of green and low-carbon transport technology; and</p> <p>(e) agreed with some deputations that a carrot and stick approach should be adopted to encourage early replacement of aged vehicles through incentives on the one hand</p>	

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		and discourage ownership of these vehicles through increase in licence fees on the other.	
011517 - 012524	<p>Mr CHAN Kin-por Mr Johnson LI, Motor Traders Association of Hong Kong Chairman Mr Stanley CHAING, Lok Ma Chau China - Hong Kong Freight Association Mr Alan CHAN, China Hong Kong and Macau Boundary Crossing Bus Association Mr WONG Man-kit, Hong Kong Scheduled (GMB) Licensee Association Ms Annelise CONNELL, Mini Spotters</p>	<p>Mr CHAN Kin-por's request for deputations' views on the provision of grant for scrapping of vehicles without replacement.</p> <p>Mr Johnson LI and Mr Stanley CHAING's views that the proposal would help reduce the number of polluting vehicles on the roads and hence contribute to early improvements in air quality.</p> <p>Mr Alan CHAN's views -</p> <p>(a) support for scrapping of aged polluting vehicles; and</p> <p>(b) replacement of more polluting vehicles should be given higher grant and not vice versa.</p> <p>Mr WONG Man-kit's request for additional seats for PLBs to facilitate the provision of concessionary fares for children and the elderly.</p> <p>Ms Annelise CONNELL's request for putting in place a pilot scheme to require the most polluting vehicles (aged 20 years or over) to undergo the dynamometer test. Those which failed to meet emission standards should be scrapped. This would be more cost-effective than the proposed replacement scheme for Euro II vehicles and could also prevent profiteering by vehicle dealers.</p>	
012525 - 013559	<p>Mr KAM Nai-wai Chairman Mr MAN Hoi-tik, New Territories West Bus / Coaches Association Mr John MA, Hong Kong Bus Suppliers Association Mr LAI Ming-hung, Taxi & P.L.B. Concern Group Administration Mr Mike KILBURN,</p>	<p>Mr KAM Nai-wai's enquiries -</p> <p>(a) whether the level of grant should be calculated according to the age of vehicles;</p> <p>(b) the basis upon which the funding of \$540 million for the proposed replacement scheme for Euro II vehicles was arrived at; and</p> <p>(c) whether vehicle owners who scrapped their aged vehicles without replacement should be eligible for the grant.</p>	<p>The Administration to advise the basis upon which the funding of \$540 million and the take-up rate of 26% under the proposed one off-grant to encourage early replacement of Euro II diesel commercial</p>

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	<p>Civic Exchange Mr TANG Chi-keung, Tsuen Wan District Tourists and Passengers Omnibus Operators Association</p>	<p>Mr MAN Hoi-tik's views that the replacement scheme for Euro II vehicles would help encourage early replacement of vehicles.</p> <p>Mr John MA's views -</p> <p>(a) non-franchised bus companies would prefer one-off grants than coupons as they might have an imminent need to replace their buses to ensure continued service; and</p> <p>(b) support for making the one-off grant scheme a standing arrangement.</p> <p>Mr LAI Ming-hung's views that PLB operators would also prefer one-off grants than coupons.</p> <p>Mr Mike KILBURN's views that owners of more polluting vehicles should pay more for continued ownership of their vehicles according to the polluter-pays principle.</p> <p>Mr TANG Chi-keung's enquiry on measures to deal with pre-Euro and Euro I vehicles which remained on the roads.</p> <p>Administration's response -</p> <p>(a) the proposed provision of coupons to facilitate subsequent replacement was not conducive to early relief to roadside pollution;</p> <p>(b) the proposed calculation of grant according to the age of vehicles would run contrary to the polluter-pays principle if more polluting vehicles would receive higher grants; and</p> <p>(c) the estimated funding of \$540 million under the replacement scheme for Euro II vehicles was based on the take-up rate of 26% under the one-off grant scheme for replacement of pre-Euro and Euro I vehicles.</p>	<p>vehicles was arrived at..</p>
<p>013600 - 014449</p>	<p>Chairman Administration Mr CHAN Hak-kan</p>	<p>Discussion on measures to deal with the 38 100 pre-Euro and Euro I vehicles which remained on the roads</p>	<p>The Administration to provide more details on the proposal to raise vehicle licence fees of aged commercial</p>

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		<p>Administration's response -</p> <p>(a) the special arrangement aimed to help those eligible vehicle owners who had ordered new replacement vehicles that could not arrive on time or could not complete preparations for applying for the one-off grant before the deadline on 31 March 2010 to retain their eligibility for the grant. Owners concerned would need to submit an application to the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) on or before 7 April 2010;</p> <p>(b) all eligible owners had been notified of the special arrangement; and</p> <p>(c) members' views on the proposal to increase the licence fees for pre-Euro and Euro I vehicles aged 15 years or over which remained on the roads after expiry of the one-off grant scheme on 31 March 2010 were welcomed. Subject to any views members might have, more concrete proposals would be drawn up for further consultation with the transport trades and other stakeholders.</p> <p>Mr CHAN Hak-kan's concerns -</p> <p>(a) the transport trades might not be prepared for the proposed increase in licence fees given the short notice of the proposal;</p> <p>(b) the sudden surge in application for the one-off grant from owners to replace their vehicles to avoid the proposed increase in licence fees might create unnecessary chaos; and</p> <p>(c) the proposed increase in licence fees would indeed affect the operation of the transport trade, and hence more consultation with the affected trades should be held.</p>	<p>vehicles, including implementation time-table, extent of increase etc. To also advise whether consideration would be given to buying back these aged commercial vehicles before raising their licence fees with a view to reducing the numbers of such vehicles on the roads.</p>
014450 - 015026	<p>Mr John MA, Hong Kong Bus Suppliers Association Mr Johnson LI, Motor Traders Association of Hong Kong</p>	<p>Mr John MA's views -</p> <p>(a) objected to the proposed increase in licence fees which had not been consulted with the trades; and</p>	

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015027 - 015121	Chairman	<p>Chairman's explanation on the existing practices for invitation of views -</p> <p>(a) relevant trades, green groups and parties which had previously expressed views on certain subjects would be invited to attend meetings at which the subjects were discussed; and</p> <p>(b) as the list of consultees might not be exhaustive, notices of invitation would be uploaded onto the website of the Legislative Council to invite other interested parties to attend these meetings.</p>	
015122 - 020339	<p>Chairman Mr Stanley CHAING, Lok Ma Chau China - Hong Kong Freight Association Ms Annelise CONNELL Mini</p>	<p>Discussion on the option of buying out the aged commercial vehicles from owners.</p> <p>Mr Stanley CHAING's views that it would be unfair to increase the licence fees of aged commercial vehicles because these could continue running on the roads only if they were</p>	

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	<p>Spotters Mr Alan CHAN, China Hong Kong and Macau Boundary Crossing Bus Association Mr Mike KILBURN, Civic Exchange Mr LAI Ming-hung, Taxi & P.L.B. Concern Group Mr Danny WONG, Right Hand Drive Motors Association (HK) Ltd Chairman Administration</p>	<p>able to meet the performance standards in the annual test.</p> <p>Ms Annelise CONNELL's support for scrapping highly polluting vehicles.</p> <p>Mr Alan CHAN's support for buying out the highly polluting vehicles as this could achieve savings in health cost.</p> <p>Mr Mike KILBURN's views -</p> <p>(a) support for buying out of the highly polluting vehicles; and</p> <p>(b) a carrot and stick approach should be adopted with both incentives and disincentives to keep polluting vehicles off the roads.</p> <p>Mr LAI Ming-hung's enquiry on whether owners could retain their eligibility for the one-off grant by registering their vehicles with EPD before 31 March 2010.</p> <p>Mr Danny WONG's views -</p> <p>(a) the proposed increase in licence fees would have adverse impacts on the transport trades; and</p> <p>(b) the number of remaining pre-Euro and Euro I vehicles would be much less than 38 100 as quoted by the Administration because many of them had already been scrapped.</p> <p>Administration's agreement to provide details of the proposal to increase licence fees within one week, and other supplementary information as soon as practicable.</p>	
020340 - 020450	Chairman	Next meeting to be held on Thursday, 6 May 2010, at 2:30 pm.	