

**Bills Committee on Motor Vehicles (First Registration Tax)
(Amendment) Bill 2011**

List of follow-up actions arising from the meeting on 21 April 2011

The Administration is requested to provide the following information/responses –

1. of the newly registered private cars for the past few years, how many are cross-boundary private cars with valid vehicle licenses for driving in Hong Kong and on the Mainland, and the duration of these vehicles travelling outside Hong Kong;
2. the vehicle journey speeds of major roads of Hong Kong from 2005 to 2010;
3. information on the experience of other jurisdictions in granting exemption to vehicles ordered before an increase in the first registration tax for the vehicles takes effect;
4. responses to the various alternative measures to ease traffic congestion suggested by the deputations which attended the meeting of the Subcommittee on Public Revenue Protection (Motor Vehicles First Registration Tax) Order 2011 on 4 April 2011;
5. responses to Hon Miriam LAU's view that traffic congestion might not be caused by growth in private cars as she noted that while the number of licensed private cars had increased from 327 581 in 2000 to 385 675 in 2009, their annual veh-km (in millions) had only increased from 4 487 in 2000 to 4 537 in 2009 (i.e. increased by 1.1% only), whereas increases in annual veh-km (in millions) for public buses and taxis during the same period were 11.4% and 15.6% respectively; and
6. information on the number of licensed private cars, public buses and taxis and their respective annual veh-km in each of the past 10 years and the economic situation of each of these years (such as by providing the Gross Domestic Product and inflation).