



**Board of Airline Representatives (BAR) in Hong Kong**

**Submission for Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs Meeting, 19 May, 2012  
Regarding  
“Re-organization of the Government Secretariat”**

**1. Transferral of aviation policy responsibilities to the Commerce and Industries Bureau (CIB)**

As outlined in the proposed re-organization of the Government Secretariat, the existing Commerce and Economic Development Bureau shall be restructured into the Commerce and Industries Bureau (CIB) and the Technology and Communications Bureau under the administration of the new Deputy Financial Secretary.

BAR welcomes the proposal to transfer responsibilities of planning and developing aviation policies from the Transport and Housing Bureau to the newly established Commerce and Industries Bureau.

Aviation, which connects Hong Kong with the world, is essential to the growth of the four pillars of Hong Kong's economy: financial services, trading and logistics, tourism and exhibition, producer and professional services. A strong aviation industry not only boosts opportunities for Hong Kong via foreign trade, it also plays a significant role in our economy by employing over 7% of the total working population.

By shifting the aviation portfolio under the remit of the CIB, the future development direction of the aviation industry can be more closely aligned with Hong Kong's economic development objectives. This will facilitate the implementation of strategic plans that will allow Hong Kong to fortify its position as both an international business and finance centre as well as the regional aviation hub of Asia.

BAR also supports assigning the stewardship of aviation, maritime, logistics and tourism industries under the purview of a single Permanent Secretary. We believe that this organizational structure will allow policies for these closely interconnected sectors to be administered more effectively under a consistent and coherent approach.

**2. Creation of Deputy Financial Secretary (DFS) post**

BAR supports the introduction of a Deputy Financial Secretary (DFS) post to assist the Financial Secretary in promoting Hong Kong's economic growth. With the DFS responsible for overseeing the development of our trade and industries, we believe that this would allow the appropriate economic policies to be introduced and implemented more swiftly and effectively.

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