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**Legislative Council**

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**Subcommittee on Road Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance 2012  
(Commencement) Notice**

**Minutes of meeting held on  
Tuesday, 14 October 2014, at 2:30 pm  
in Conference Room 2B of the Legislative Council Complex**

**Members present** : Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, BBS, MH, JP (Chairman)  
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming  
Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai  
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH  
Hon TANG Ka-piu, JP

**Member absent** : Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

**Public Officers  
attending** : Agenda item II

Ms Ivy LAW  
Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing  
(Transport) 3

Ms Freda CHAN  
Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing  
(Transport) 2C

Mr Albert SU  
Assistant Commissioner / Management and  
Paratransit  
Transport Department

Ms Stella LEE  
Principal Transport Officer / Urban  
Transport Department

Mr Patrick WONG  
Chief Transport Officer / Driving Services  
Transport Department

Mr Peter SZE  
Senior Government Counsel  
Department of Justice

**Clerk in attendance** : Mr Derek LO  
Chief Council Secretary (1)5

**Staff in attendance** : Ms Clara TAM  
Assistant Legal Adviser 9

Mr Daniel SIN  
Senior Council Secretary (1)7

Mr Raymond SZETO  
Council Secretary (1)5

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Action

**I Confirmation of minutes**

(LC Paper No. CB(1)2039/13-14 — Minutes of the meeting held on  
30 July 2014)

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 July 2014 were confirmed.

**II Meeting with the Administration**

(LC Paper No. CB(1)21/14-15(01) — List of follow-up actions arising  
from the discussion at the  
meeting on 16 September 2014

LC Paper No. CB(1)21/14-15(02) — Administration's response to the  
issues arising from the  
discussion at the meeting on

16 September 2014)

Other relevant papers

(L.N. 102 of 2014	— Road Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance 2012 (Commencement) Notice
File Ref: THB(T)CR 5/14/3231/00	— Legislative Council Brief
LC Paper No. LS71/13-14	— Legal Service Division Report
LC Paper No. CB(1)1861/13-14(01)	— Paper on the Road Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance 2012 (Commencement) Notice prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat (Background brief))

2. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings in the **Appendix**).

3. The Chairman said that the Subcommittee had completed the scrutiny of the subsidiary legislation, and that in respect of the proposed amendment to the Road Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance 2012 (Commencement) Notice ("the Notice") by changing the date on which Part 4 of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance 2012 comes into operation from 1 June 2015 to 1 June 2016 in order to postpone the implementation date of the pre-service course requirement by one year, members except Mr Gary FAN were supportive. A written report on the deliberations of the Subcommittee would be submitted for the meeting of the House Committee scheduled for 31 October 2014.

4. The Chairman said that he would move a motion at the Council meeting of 15 October 2014 to extend the scrutiny period of the Notice to the Council meeting of 12 November 2014. The Chairman reminded members that subject to the extension, the deadline for giving notice of amendment to the Notice would be 5 November 2014.

**III Any other business**

5. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:01 pm.

**Proceedings of meeting of the  
Subcommittee on Road Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance 2012 (Commencement) Notice  
on Tuesday, 14 October 2014, at 2:30 pm  
in Conference Room 2B of the Legislative Council Complex**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
<b>Confirmation of minutes</b>			
000324 – 000412	Chairman	Confirmation of minutes of meeting on 30 July 2014 (LC Paper No. CB(1)2039/13-14)	
<b>Meeting with the Administration</b>			
000413 – 000449	Chairman	Opening remarks	
<i>Discussion on the Administration's response to the lists of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 16 September 2014 (LC Paper No. CB(1)21/14-15(01))</i>			
000450 – 000920	Chairman Administration	The Administration briefed the meeting the main points of its reply to the Subcommittee (LC Paper No. CB(1)21/14-15(02)). The Administration reiterated its stance to implement as soon as possible the requirement for attending and completing a pre-service course by applicants of public light bus ("PLB") driving licence before they were issued with PLB driving licences ("pre-service course requirement") in view of the need to further enhance PLB safety. That said, having considered the views of the Subcommittee and the PLB trade, the Administration was agreeable to postpone the implementation date of the pre-service course requirement which was 1 June 2015 as specified in the Road Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance 2012 (Commencement) Notice ("the Notice") to 1 June 2016.	
000921 – 001058	Chairman Mr Frankie YICK	Mr Frankie YICK asked the Administration to continue considering measures to alleviate the difficult manpower situation faced by the PLB trade.	
001059 – 001400	Chairman Mr Gary FAN	Mr Gary FAN asked the Administration to implement additional measures to address the difficult operating environment of the PLB trade and said that he would move a motion to amend the Notice in order to postpone the implementation date of pre-service course requirement to 1 June 2017. He said that this would provide the breathing space for the PLB trade in the light of the operational difficulties it faced.	

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001401 – 001848	Chairman Mr TANG Ka-piu	Mr TANG Ka-piu supported a 12-month postponement of the commencement date of the Notice. Mr TANG requested the Administration to consider measures to improve the operating environment of PLB services, such as increasing the passenger seating capacity of PLBs, including PLBs in the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities ("the Fare Concession Scheme"), and assessing the impact of completion of the West Island Line ("WIL") and the South Island Line (East) ("SIL(E)") on the operation of PLBs.	
001849 – 002006	Chairman Mr POON Siu-ping	Mr POON Siu-ping enquired whether the Administration had assessed the potential impact of the 12-month postponement on road safety of PLBs.	
002007 – 002638	Chairman Administration	<p>The Administration gave a consolidated response to members' views and concerns –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Administration's stance was to implement the pre-service course requirement as soon as possible in view of the need to further enhance PLB safety;</li> <li>(b) the Administration was agreeable to postpone the implementation date of the pre-service course requirement in view of the requests of the Subcommittee and the PLB trade;</li> <li>(c) TD would continue to strengthen its work to help the PLB trade, e.g. to improve the operating efficiency through reorganization of routes and frequency adjustments, to solicit local support to implement fare adjustments to improve the financial viability of the green minibus ("GMB") services, to provide opportunities for introducing new GMB routes, and to relax restricted zones for red minibuses to pick up/drop off passengers at locations where traffic situations warrant and with no objection from locals;</li> <li>(d) the Administration considered that increasing the passenger seating capacity of PLBs was a controversial policy issue and required careful consideration in the context of the</li> </ul>	

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		<p>overall passenger transport policy for the territory;</p> <p>(e) the Administration had been working on a proposal to include PLBs in the Fare Concession Scheme for target implementation in the first quarter of 2015;</p> <p>(f) it had been an on-going practice of the Administration to conduct studies on the impact of new railway extensions on road-based transport including PLB services in the districts served by these extensions. WIL and SIL(E) had been covered in these studies; and</p> <p>(g) the Administration would continue to listen to the views of the PLB trade regarding its operation.</p>	
002639 – 002858	Chairman Mr Gary FAN	The Chairman summarized the views of the Subcommittee.	
002859 – 003130	Chairman	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p>The Subcommittee agreed to report its deliberations to the House Committee on 31 October 2014.</p>	