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Clerk to Subcommittee
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(Attn: Mr Daniel SIN)

Dear Mr SIN,

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

Follow-up to meeting on 30 July 2014

The Subcommittee discussed the captioned Notice at its meeting on 30 July 2014 and requested the Administration to provide monthly statistics of traffic accidents involving public light buses (“PLBs”) including the number of vehicles and victims involved and the number of fatal accidents and incidents with serious casualties, which would reflect the effectiveness of the requirement of fitting an approved speed limiter on all PLBs in reducing the number of traffic accidents.

2 The requirement of fitting an approved speed limiter on all PLBs has come into effect from June 2010, and installation of speed limiters setting at a maximum speed of 80 km/h on all PLBs was completed by end 2011. Since

1 January 2012, no PLB can be operated in excess of 80 km/hr.

3. Traffic accidents may be caused by a wide range of contributory factors such as drivers' misbehavior, pedestrians' misconduct, poor vehicle condition, and inclement weather. Hence, it is rather difficult to single out the effect of the speed limiter in lowering traffic accident rate of PLB. On the other hand, since the imposition of the requirement of fitting an approved speed limiter on PLBs, there was a downward trend in the number of prosecutions against speeding PLBs which was dropped from 1,253 in 2009 to 732 in 2013. We believe that installation of speed limiters on all PLBs has a positive effect on reducing the number of traffic accidents.

4. The monthly statistics of traffic accidents involving PLBs from 2009 to 2013 are shown in the **Annex**.

Yours sincerely,



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Commissioner for Transport

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Statistics of traffic accidents involving PLBs from 2009 to 2013

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2009													
No. of vehicles involved in traffic accidents	103	76	100	111	105	91	72	93	100	76	83	100	1110
No. of traffic accidents: Fatal	3	0	1	3	0	2	4	1	1	0	0	2	17
Serious	11	14	12	19	11	15	10	8	15	17	15	19	166
No. of casualties: Killed	3	0	1	3	0	3	7	1	1	0	0	2	21
Seriously injured	12	15	13	20	11	19	21	8	15	17	15	21	187
2010													
No. of vehicles involved in traffic accidents	105	89	106	87	91	102	93	94	97	93	91	98	1146
No. of traffic accidents: Fatal	2	2	4	1	2	1	0	1	1	4	2	2	22
Serious	22	12	9	12	14	10	12	10	10	6	6	17	140
No. of casualties: Killed	2	2	4	1	2	1	0	1	1	4	2	2	22
Seriously injured	23	12	10	12	18	11	14	10	10	6	6	18	150
2011													
No. of vehicles involved in traffic accidents	99	87	103	89	89	106	98	82	105	85	96	103	1142
No. of traffic accidents: Fatal	0	0	1	1	3	1	1	2	4	3	1	1	18
Serious	16	8	14	15	11	13	16	10	16	12	17	7	155
No. of casualties: Killed	0	0	1	1	3	1	1	2	4	3	1	1	18
Seriously injured	16	8	15	17	11	14	18	10	17	13	17	11	167
2012													
No. of vehicles involved in traffic accidents	76	88	106	85	102	86	92	82	74	95	92	89	1067
No. of traffic accidents: Fatal	0	1	1	1	0	2	3	1	2	3	2	1	17
Serious	14	17	18	17	16	13	15	15	14	10	7	14	170
No. of casualties: Killed	0	1	1	1	0	2	3	1	2	3	2	1	17
Seriously injured	14	17	32	19	16	16	18	15	15	10	9	15	196
2013													
No. of vehicles involved in traffic accidents	101	89	83	82	88	92	101	96	109	90	97	100	1128
No. of traffic accidents: Fatal	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	3	3	0	0	3	15
Serious	14	14	16	16	14	16	14	15	13	25	14	11	182
No. of casualties: Killed	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	3	3	0	0	3	15
Seriously injured	15	15	17	18	14	20	14	16	16	26	14	11	196