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Subcommittee on Technical Legislative Amendments on Traffic Arrangements for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge

The captioned Subcommittee completed scrutiny of the technical legislative amendments relating to the traffic arrangements for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge ("HZMB"), viz. L.N. 60 to L.N. 65 of 2017 and a proposed resolution under section 12 of the Fixed Penalty (Criminal Proceedings) Ordinance (Cap. 240) ("the proposed resolution"), and reported its deliberations to the House Committee at its meeting on 2 June 2017. The scrutiny period of L.N. 60 to L.N. 65 of 2017 expired on 14 June 2017, and the proposed resolution was passed at the Council meeting of 28 June 2017.

2. In the course of deliberations, members raised concerns over various operational issues upon commissioning of HZMB, including traffic management and law enforcement, rescue arrangement in case of accidents/emergencies, insurance for cross-boundary vehicles using HZMB, as well as parking arrangements at boundary crossing facilities. Some members suggested that a public hearing be held to receive views from stakeholders on relevant issues.

3. However, given the ambit of the technical legislative amendments under scrutiny, the Chairman and most members of the Subcommittee considered that the wider transport policy issues and operational matters of HZMB largely fell outside the purview of the Subcommittee. It was also noted that the Administration was still discussing these issues with the Mainland and Macao authorities. The Subcommittee agreed that the relevant issues would be referred to the Panel on Transport for follow up where appropriate, including deciding whether and when a public hearing shall be arranged.

4. The report of the Subcommittee is available at: <http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/hc/papers/hc20170602cb4-1114-e.pdf>.


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