

**立法會**  
***Legislative Council***

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**Subcommittee on Public Bus Franchisees' Schedule of Routes Orders**

**Minutes of the first meeting  
held on Wednesday, 13 June 2018, at 8:45 am  
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

**Members present** : Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP  
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP  
Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin  
Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding  
Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho  
Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH  
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS

**Non-member attending** : Hon WU Chi-wai, MH

**Member absent** : Hon CHU Hoi-dick

**Public officers attending** : Item II

Transport and Housing Bureau

Mr Kevin CHOI, JP  
Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport)2

Miss Crystal YIP Sin-ching  
Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing  
(Transport)1

Transport Department

Ms Macella LEE Sui-chun, JP  
Deputy Commissioner/Transport Services and  
Management

Mr Edmond POON Chi-man  
Principal Transport Officer/Urban

Ms Candy KWOK Wai-ying  
Principal Transport Officer/New Territories

Miss Amy TSE Sen-yee  
Principal Transport Officer/Bus and Railway 1

**Clerk in attendance** : Ms Sophie LAU  
Chief Council Secretary (4)2

**Staff in attendance** : Miss Evelyn LEE  
Assistant Legal Adviser 10

Miss Joyce CHING  
Senior Council Secretary (4)2

Ms Jacqueline LAW  
Council Secretary (4)2

Miss Mandy LAM  
Legislative Assistant (4)2

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**I. Election of Chairman**

Mr Frankie YICK, the member who had the highest precedence among those present at the meeting, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Subcommittee. He invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Subcommittee.

2. Dr CHIANG Lai-wan nominated Mr Frankie YICK, and the nomination was seconded by Mr Holden CHOW. Mr Frankie YICK accepted the

nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr Frankie YICK was declared the Chairman of the Subcommittee.

3. Members agreed that there was no need to elect a deputy chairman of the Subcommittee.

## **II. Meeting with the Administration**

[Ref: THB(T)L 2/4/115, L.N. 83 of 2018, L.N. 84 of 2018, L.N. 85 of 2018, L.N. 86 of 2018, L.N. 87 of 2018, L.N. 88 of 2018 and LC Paper No. LS61/17-18]

### Discussion

4. The Subcommittee deliberated (please refer to index of proceedings in **Annex**).

### Legislative timetable

5. The Chairman concluded that the Subcommittee had completed the scrutiny of the Public Bus Franchisees' Schedule of Routes Orders (L.N. 83 to L.N. 88 of 2018) ("the Orders") and would not propose any amendment to the Orders.

6. The Subcommittee noted that the Chairman would move a motion at the Council meeting of 20 June 2018 to extend the scrutiny period of the Orders to the Council meeting of 11 July 2018. Upon extension of the scrutiny period, the deadline for giving notice of motion to amend the Orders would be 4 July 2018. The Chairman would report the deliberations of the Subcommittee to the House Committee at its meeting on 29 June 2018.

*(Post-meeting note: At the Council meeting of 20 June 2018, the motion to extend the scrutiny period of the Orders to 11 July 2018 was passed.)*

## **III. Any other business**

7. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:54 am.

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Legislative Council Secretariat  
6 September 2018

**Proceedings of the first meeting of the  
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<b>Running Time</b>	<b>Speaker(s)</b>	<b>Subject(s)</b>	<b>Action required</b>
<b>Election of Chairman</b>			
000411-000439	Mr Frankie YICK Dr CHIANG Lai-wan Mr Holden CHOW	Election of Chairman	
000439-000917	Chairman Administration	Briefing by the Administration on the Public Bus Franchisees' Schedule of Routes Orders (L.N. 83 to L.N. 88)	
000917-001557	Chairman Dr CHIANG Lai-wan Administration	Dr CHIANG raised concern about issues relating to consultation with District Councils ("DCs") on bus rationalization plans.  Discussion on the mechanism for making adjustments to bus service, including the introduction of new services and adjustment to existing services such as routing as well as cancellation / amalgamation of routes.	
001557-002106	Chairman Mr Tony TSE Administration	Discussion on the standard practice and procedure to review the operation of the bus routes after temporary changes had been made before formalizing any of the changes in the Schedules of Routes; and the average time spent on such review.	
002106-002632	Chairman Mr Andrew WAN Administration	Mr WAN raised concern about the failure of franchised bus companies in meeting passenger demand in some districts/areas during peak hours.	

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002632-003041	Chairman Mr Vincent CHENG Administration	Exchange of views on issues relating to consultations with DCs on bus rationalization plans. It was reflected by Mr CHENG that DCs' suggestions in relation to these plans were very often neglected by franchised bus companies.	
003041-003703	Chairman Mr WU Chi-wai Administration	Discussion on issues about the service frequency of some bus routes and threshold for considering frequency improvement during peak period as specified in the Guidelines on Service Improvement and Reduction in Bus Route Planning Programmes ("the Guideline").	
003703-004149	Chairman Dr CHIANG Lai-wan Administration	Dr CHIANG expressed her opinions about issues relating to consultation with DCs on bus rationalization plans.	
004149-004640	Chairman Mr Tony TSE Administration	Further discussion on the standard practice and procedure to review the operation of the bus routes and the efficiency of the changes made; and the average time spent on such review.	
004640-005105	Chairman Mr Jeremy TAM Administration	<p>The Administration was requested to review whether the current standard of accommodating six persons (standing) per square metre in a bus should continue to be adopted in the provision of franchised bus services; and whether such standard should be used as one of the parameters to consider if additional bus should be deployed.</p> <p>Discussion on the threshold for considering frequency improvement during peak period as specified in the Guidelines.</p>	

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005105-005601	Chairman Mr Andrew WAN Administration	Discussion on the factors taken into account by the Administration when assessing the proposals of bus service adjustments made by franchised bus companies and/ or devising route planning programmes.	
005601-010250	Chairman Mr WU Chi-wai Administration	Mr WU suggested making ad-hoc adjustments to the bus routings so that the buses concerned could avoid operating in the congested road sections with a view to shortening the journey time for the benefit of the majority of the passengers.	
010250-011003	Chairman Mr Jeremy TAM Administration	Mr TAM's suggestion on the means to enhance performance of franchised bus services.	
011003-011141	Chairman Administration	Clause-by-clause examination of the Orders	
<b>Any other business</b>			
011141-011234	Chairman Mr Jeremy TAM CCS	Legislative timetable and concluding remarks	