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Dear Mr Yick, Mr Lam, Mr Shiu, Mr Kwong and Professor Chan  
(Panel on WS for the clerk Lemuel Woo, and Panel on WS for the clerk Mr Chui)  
(EOC for Professor Chan)

I wonder if you would look into the following.

At present an elderly driver pays \$90 a year for his driving licence (or \$270 for a 3 year licence).

A non-elderly driver pays \$900 for a 10 year licence.

The fee is therefore the same, \$90 a year for both classes of drivers.

However, an elderly driver has to have a medical examination certificate to prove his fitness to drive and this certificate costs money to obtain from a medical practitioner. Different medical practitioners charge different fees for the certificate of course. This is an additional cost unfavourable to elderly drivers. An elderly driver thus bears a higher cost (at least once every three years) for his driving licence, vis-a-vis a driver younger in age.

(And maybe considered discriminatory against the elderly. Hence I am also sending this to Professor Chan).

Would consideration please be given to waiving the annual driving licence fee for elderly drivers? For information, in the UK, an elderly driver does not have to pay for his driving licence. It is free to drivers aged 70 years and on renewal thereafter at three year intervals.

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