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### **Bills Committee on Franchised Taxi Services Bill**

**Minutes of the third meeting  
held on Monday, 6 January 2020, at 9:00 am  
in Conference Room 2 of the Legislative Council Complex**

- Members present** : Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP (Chairman)  
Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP  
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP  
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS  
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP  
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP  
Hon LAM Cheuk-ting  
Hon SHIU Ka-fai, JP  
Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP  
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH  
Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho  
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS
- Members absent** : Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP  
Hon CHU Hoi-dick  
Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP
- Public Officers attending** : **Agenda item I**  
Dr Raymond SO, BBS, JP  
Under Secretary for Transport and Housing  
Transport and Housing Bureau

Ms Macella LEE,JP  
Deputy Commissioner for Transport/  
Transport Services and Management  
Transport Department

Miss Ann CHAN  
Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and  
Housing (Transport)(Special Project)  
Transport and Housing Bureau

Mr Patrick NG  
Chief Transport Officer/Planning/Taxi 1  
Transport Department

Miss Janet HO  
Chief Transport Officer/Planning/Taxi 2  
Transport Department

Mr Angus WAT  
Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing  
(Transport)(Special Project)A  
Transport and Housing Bureau

**Attendance by  
invitation** :

**Agenda Item I**

Mr CHAN Ka-long  
Yau Tsim Mong District Councillor

Mr WONG Wai-lung

Civic Party  
Mr Michael YUNG Ming-chau  
Shatin District Councillor

Diamond Cab  
Miss Doris LEUNG  
Founder and CEO

Kit Cheong Motors Ltd  
Mr WONG Lap-kee  
Representative

HK & KLN Taxi Drivers Club

Mr CHAN Chi-nam  
Chairman

Shun Fung Motors Investment Management Co. Ltd  
Mr IP Kwok-wah  
Representative

Hong Kong Tele-call Taxi Association  
Mr WONG Yue-ting  
Chairman

Wah Wai Motors Limited  
Mr WONG Tsz-ting  
Director

Ka Wai Motors Limited  
Mr WONG Kam-por  
Director

Sun Star Taxi Management Co.  
Mr CHAN Wai-ming  
President

Sai Kung Taxi Operators Association Ltd  
Mr LI Siu-bun  
Chairman

Mr CHOW Kai-wing

Mr 黃保強

Mr 張志鈞

Mr 劉桐芳

Mr CHAN Kai-kwong

Sai Kung Taxi Group  
Mr CHENG Yuen-yau  
Representative

Taxi Driver Concern Group

Mr WONG Sui-keung  
Representative

Hong Kong Taxi Drivers Association  
Mr IP Yiu-leung  
Representative

Mr WONG Tat-ming

Mr WONG Ping-fat

Mr CHAN Chit-wang

Mr CHENG Kai-shing

Mr AU Tat-yick

Wang Fung Motors Management Co. Ltd  
Mr KWOK Yeuk-hang  
Representative

Hong Kong and Kowloon Radio Car Owners  
Association Ltd  
Ms LAW Suet-fan  
Representative

Tai Wo Motors Ltd  
Mr NG Hoi-shan  
Vice Chairman

The Kowloon Taxi Owners Assn Ltd  
Mr YUM Tai-ping  
Chairman

Come on James ! Let's care our society association  
CHAN Hing-lun  
Cleaning supervisor

Mr LI Chun-sing

Mr CHAN Hon-sing

NT Taxi Drivers Group

Mr CHENG Muk-yam  
Representative

Master Express Investment Ltd  
Mr LAM Kwok-choi  
Representative

Chan Yiu Chung Taxi Co.,  
Mr CHAN Yiu-chung  
Representative

Mr YUE Hok-shing

Mr FUNG Pak-wing

Mr HO Wing-shing

Mr CHOW Ching-hoi

Mr LI Tat-chuen

Mrs CHEUNG Cheung-chu

New Territories Taxi Operations Union  
Mr CHAN Shu-sang  
Representative

Mr 黃國強

Mr 蔡達春

Ms LAM Sau-kin

Sun Star Taxi Operations Association  
Miss MA Pu-ki  
Chairman

Sun Star Taxi Investment Co.  
Mrs YEUNG Lam-shan  
Representative

Mr SHEK Kam-chiu

Mrs WONG Shuet-fong

Mr YEUNG Kam-ming

Mr YIP Cheong-wah

Mr LEUNG Fai-kiu

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

**Staff in attendance :** Mr Alvin CHUI  
Assistant Legal Adviser 3

Ms Angela CHU  
Senior Council Secretary (4)2

Ms Jacqueline LAW  
Council Secretary (4)2

Miss Mandy LAM  
Legislative Assistant (4)2

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**I. Meeting with deputations and the Administration**  
(LC Paper Nos.: CB(4)222/19-20(01)-(07))

Discussion

The Bills Committee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

*(At 9:27 am, the Chairman handed over the chair to the Deputy Chairman as the Chairman had other commitments.)*

2. The Bills Committee noted that a total of 185 individuals/organizations submitted applications for making oral presentations at today's public hearing. Due to limited seats available, the first 60 deputations who had submitted their applications were invited to give views at

the meeting, and the remaining deputations would be invited to express their views at subsequent meetings.

*(Post-meeting note: subsequent meetings to be attended by deputations originally scheduled for 2 March and 11 May 2020 were cancelled due to the need to observe social distancing and to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 through public gatherings.)*

3. The Bills Committee received oral presentation from 52 deputations on the Franchised Taxi Services Bill ("the Bill"). The major views expressed were summarized as follows:

- (a) a great majority of deputations did not support the introduction of franchised taxi services in Hong Kong. They expressed that in view of the present gloomy economic situation, an increase in the supply of 600 franchised taxis would further aggravate the operating difficulties faced by the taxi trade. Furthermore, it would only intensify the existing shortage of taxi drivers and affect the income of frontline taxi drivers. They urged the Administration to shelve its plan of introducing franchised taxis and to take measures to improve the taxi drivers' earnings and to attract new blood to the industry with a view to enhancing the overall service quality;
- (b) some deputations were of the view that the introduction of franchised taxis would not be able to address the service quality problem of the ordinary taxis. They were also concerned about the negative labelling of ordinary taxis upon the introduction of franchised taxis, and the granting of additional 600 franchised taxis would intensify the road traffic congestion problem;
- (c) some deputations considered that the introduction of franchised taxis was unfair to the existing ordinary taxi licence holders. They suggested that the Administration should allow some ordinary taxis to convert their licences for operating franchised taxis on a pilot basis to enhance service quality;
- (d) some deputations were dissatisfied that the Administration had turned a blind eye to the problems faced by the taxi trade. They urged the Administration to step up enforcement actions in combating illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward, relax certain restrictions such as vehicle models to facilitate taxi

operation and enhance service quality; and

- (e) a few other deputations expressed that franchised taxis could promote greater competition to benefit both passengers and operators. To improve the overall taxi service quality, some deputations urged the Administration to introduce more environmentally friendly and wheelchair-accessible taxis, further promote the use of electronic payment means and consider introducing ride-sharing services.

4. In response to the deputations' views, the Administration made the following points:

- (a) the Administration adopted a two-pronged approach to enhance personalized and point-to-point public transport services. On the one hand, the Administration would continue its efforts to improve the service quality of existing ordinary taxis and their operating environment by implementing various measures through the Committee on Taxi Service Quality. On the other hand, the Administration proposed to establish a new regulatory regime to introduce a new form of taxi service, i.e. franchised taxis under a trial scheme;
- (b) the Administration stressed that the objective of introducing franchised taxis was not to replace ordinary taxis but as an enhanced complement to services provided by ordinary taxis. Ordinary taxis and franchised taxis would have different market positioning in the public transport system. Ordinary taxis would continue to constitute the vast majority of personalized and point-to-point public transport services and their fare level was more affordable to the community at large. Franchised taxis, with limited supply and higher fares, would be positioned as a choice in addition to ordinary taxis to meet the community's demand for a new type of personalized and point-to-point public transport services of higher quality and with online hailing features;
- (c) in response to the deputations' concern that the introduction of franchised taxis might aggravate the existing shortage of taxi drivers, the Administration explained that the upcoming 600 franchised taxis would only account for around 3 per cent of the 18 000-odd taxis in Hong Kong and hence, should not cause a big impact on the current manpower situation of the taxi trade.



Furthermore, various measures would be implemented to attract more new blood to the industry. The Administration had proposed to shorten the period required to hold a private car or light goods vehicle full driving licence before a person may apply for a learner's and full driving licence to drive a commercial vehicle from at least three years to at least one year. Besides, the Taxi Written Test would be enhanced from mid-February 2020, with adjustments made to the content, the number of questions and the passing criteria so as to attract more newcomers to join the taxi industry;

- (d) the Administration took note of the trade's efforts in enhancing the quality of taxi service, such as putting forward the "Accreditation Scheme for Quality Taxi Fleets" ("Accreditation Scheme"). However, since participation in the Accreditation Scheme and fulfilment of accreditation conditions were voluntary, service quality could not be ensured legally or institutionally. That said, the Administration was glad to note and encourage members of the taxi trade to take the initiative to operate taxi service in fleets and introduce various measures to monitor the drivers' service quality, thereby enhancing the service level. In this connection, the Transport Department ("TD") had extended the scope of the Taxi Service Commendation Scheme to taxi service management teams in 2019 in order to commend both taxi drivers and service management teams with excellent service performance;
- (e) as for the taxi trade's proposal to convert certain number of ordinary taxi licenses to operate franchised taxis, and make use of ordinary taxis to operate franchised taxi service rather than tendering for new franchises, the Administration's response was set out in the follow-up paper provided to the Bills Committee (LC Paper No. CB(4)209/19-20(02)). In brief, complicated legal and financial issues would be involved from the theoretical and operational perspectives. For instance, the existing ordinary taxi licences and the proposed franchised taxis would be subject to different regulatory regimes, the economic value of the two licences would be different and it was questionable whether ordinary taxi licence holders were willing to surrender their permanent licences to the Administration in exchange for a time-limited franchise of franchised taxis. It was also important to take into account the principle of open competition to allow

entry of new operators as well as the growth of taxi numbers in an orderly manner;

- (f) at least 50% of the franchised taxi operators' fleets would need to be wheelchair-accessible taxis. The Administration also encouraged the taxi operators to introduce more wheelchair-accessible vehicles in the fleets in the long run. The Administration would continue to listen to the views of the stakeholders in respect of the requirement on the ratio of wheelchair-accessible vehicles in the fleet to be prescribed in the franchises;
- (g) it was believed that the impact of the addition of 600 franchised taxis on road traffic would be insignificant, in particular taking into account that some private car users might switch to use franchised taxis for commuting;
- (h) as to some deputations' suggestion of buying back the existing ordinary taxis licences in the market, the Administration advised that taxi licences were a kind of private property; the fact that they were transferable at a cost determined by the market which differed at different points of time would further complicate the matter; and
- (i) the enforcement actions had been stepped up in combating illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward. The Administration consulted the Transport Advisory Committee ("TAC") and the Panel on the review conducted by TD on the penalties for illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward so as to increase the deterrent effect for better protection of the safety of passengers and other road users. Members of TAC and the Panel in general supported the Administration's proposal to increase the penalties for illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward. The legislative proposal concerned was under preparation and would be submitted to the Legislative Council for consideration.

#### Follow-up actions by the Administration

5. The Administration was requested to provide its written response to the views submitted by the Competition Commission on the Bill (LC Paper No. CB(4)222/19-20(05)), in particular Annex A of the submission which

proposed a greater level of competition in respect of the setting of franchised taxi fares, tipping, number of franchised taxis and length of the trial period.

*(Post-meeting note: the Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)296/19-20(02) on 24 January 2020.)*

**II Any other business**

6. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:08 pm.

Council Business Division 4  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
18 September 2020

**Bills Committee on Franchised Taxi Services Bill**

**Proceedings of the third meeting of  
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held on Monday, 6 January 2020, at 9:00 am  
in Conference Room 2 of the Legislative Council Complex**

<b>Running Time</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Subject(s)</b>	<b>Action required</b>
<i>Agenda Item I – Meeting with deputations and the Administration</i>			
000731 – 001231	Chairman	Opening remarks	
001232 – 001547	Chairman Mr WONG Wai-lung Administration	Presentation of views	
001548 – 001917	Chairman Diamond Cab	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)222/19-20(03)]	
001918 – 001938	Chairman Kit Cheong Motors Ltd	Presentation of views	
001939 – 002045	Chairman HK & KLN Taxi Drivers Club	Presentation of views	
002046 – 002231	Chairman Shun Fung Motors Investment Management Co. Ltd	Presentation of views	
002232 – 002415	Chairman Hong Kong Tele-call Taxi Association	Presentation of views	

002416 – 002505	Chairman Wah Wai Motors Limited	Presentation of views	
002506 – 002715	Chairman Ka Wai Motors Limited	Presentation of views	
002716 – 002834	Chairman Sun Star Taxi Management Co.	Presentation of views	
002835 – 003054	Chairman Sai Kung Taxi Operators Association Ltd	Presentation of views	
003055 – 003240	Deputy Chairman Mr CHOW Kai-wing	Presentation of views	
003241 – 003554	Deputy Chairman Mr 黃保強	Presentation of views	
003555 – 003858	Deputy Chairman Mr 張志鈞	Presentation of views	
003859 – 004108	Deputy Chairman Mr CHAN Sai-kwong	Presentation of views	
004109 – 004210	Deputy Chairman Sai Kung Taxi Group	Presentation of views	
004211 – 004231	Deputy Chairman Taxi Driver Concern Group	Presentation of views	

004232 – 004505	Deputy Chairman Hong Kong Taxi Drivers Association	Presentation of views	
004506 – 004636	Deputy Chairman Mr WONG Tat-ming	Presentation of views	
004637 – 004710	Deputy Chairman Mr WONG Ping-fat	Presentation of views	
004711 – 004740	Deputy Chairman Mr CHAN Chit-wang	Presentation of views	
004741 – 004938	Deputy Chairman Mr CHENG Kai-shing	Presentation of views	
004939 – 005058	Deputy Chairman Mr AU Tat-yick	Presentation of views	
005059 – 005301	Deputy Chairman Wang Fung Motors Management Co. Ltd	Presentation of views	
005302 – 005555	Deputy Chairman Hong Kong and Kowloon Radio Car Owners Association Ltd	Presentation of views	

005556 – 005806	Deputy Chairman Tai Wo Motors Ltd	Presentation of views	
005807 – 010115	Deputy Chairman The Kowloon Taxi Owners Assn Ltd	Presentation of views	
010116 – 010436	Deputy Chairman Come on James ! Let's care our society association	Presentation of views	
010437 – 010742	Deputy Chairman Mr LI Chun-sing	Presentation of views	
010743 – 010844	Deputy Chairman Mr CHAN Hon-sing	Presentation of views	
010845 – 011137	Deputy Chairman NT Taxi Drivers Group	Presentation of views	
011138 – 011339	Deputy Chairman Master Express Investment Ltd	Presentation of views	
011340 – 011455	Deputy Chairman Chan Yiu Chung Taxi Co.,	Presentation of views	

011456 – 011541	Deputy Chairman Mr YUE Hok-shing	Presentation of views	
011542 – 011629	Deputy Chairman Mr FUNG Pak-wing	Presentation of views	
011630 – 011712	Deputy Chairman Mr HO Wing-shing	Presentation of views	
011713 – 012036	Deputy Chairman Mr CHOW Ching-hoi	Presentation of views	
012037 – 012144	Deputy Chairman Mr LI Tat-chuen	Presentation of views	
012145 – 012153	Deputy Chairman Mrs CHEUNG Cheung-chu	Presentation of views	
012154 – 012506	Deputy Chairman New Territories Taxi Operations Union	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)222/19-20(04)]	
012507 – 012549	Deputy Chairman Mr 黃國強	Presentation of views	
012550 – 012722	Deputy Chairman Mr 蔡達春	Presentation of views	



012723 – 012820	Deputy Chairman Ms LAM Sau-kin	Presentation of views	
012821 – 012925	Deputy Chairman Sun Star Taxi Operations Association	Presentation of views	
012926 – 013036	Deputy Chairman Sun Star Taxi Investment Co.	Presentation of views	
013037 – 013104	Deputy Chairman Mr SHEK Kam-chiu	Presentation of views	
013105 – 013119	Deputy Chairman Mrs WONG Shuet-fong	Presentation of views	
013120 – 013405	Deputy Chairman Mr YEUNG Kam-ming	Presentation of views	
013406 – 013714	Deputy Chairman Mr YIP Cheong-wah	Presentation of views	
013715 – 013736	Deputy Chairman Mr LEUNG Fai-kiu	Presentation of views	

013737 – 014129	Deputy Chairman Mr CHAN Ka-long	Presentation of views	
014130 – 014453	Deputy Chairman Civic Party	Presentation of views	
014454 – 014654	Deputy Chairman Mr 劉桐芳	Presentation of views	
014655 – 015757	Deputy Chairman Administration	The Administration gave consolidated response to the views and concerns expressed by attending deputations.	
015758 – 020407	Deputy Chairman Mr SHIU Ka-fai Administration	<p>Mr SHIU expressed that the introduction of franchised taxis would further aggravate the operating difficulties faced by the trade, and the Administration should allow ordinary taxi operators to upgrade some of the fleets to become franchised taxis.</p> <p>The Administration responded to Mr SHIU's concern about the increasingly prevalent use of a number of online hailing platforms for illegal hire car services. The Administration stressed that it encouraged the use of technology, such as online hailing platforms to enhance the provision of personalized and point-to-point public transport services, provided that the provision of such services must comply with the law.</p>	
020408 – 020912	Deputy Chairman Mr LAM Cheuk-ting Administration	<p>Mr LAM expressed concern about the safety of Uber drivers providing hire car service and the validity of third-party risks insurance in case of accidents.</p> <p>Mr LAM enquired about the enforcement actions against the online hailing platforms (such as Uber) and the malpractices of some "black sheep" taxi drivers. The</p>	

		Administration responded that the Police would step up enforcement actions against illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward.	
020913 – 021438	Deputy Chairman Mr Jeremy TAM Administration	<p>Mr TAM expressed his views on the submission from the Competition Commission on the Bill (LC Paper No. CB(4)222/19-20(05)).</p> <p>At Mr TAM's request, the Administration undertook to provide a written response to the above submission, in particular Annex A of the submission which proposed a greater level of competition in respect of the setting of franchised taxi fares, tipping, number of franchised taxis and length of the trial period.</p>	Admin (paragraph 5 of the minutes referred)
021439 – 022012	Deputy Chairman Mr YIU Si-wing Administration	<p>Mr YIU said that the introduction of franchised taxis would not be able to address the service quality problem of the existing 18 000-odd ordinary taxis, and the Administration should step up efforts to combat illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward. The Administration reiterated its stance on the issue.</p> <p>Mr YIU asked whether the Administration would discuss with the taxi trade on (i) allowing ordinary taxis to convert their existing licences for operating franchised taxis and (ii) measures to be taken to improve the operating environment so as to enhance the service quality of ordinary taxis. The Administration advised that existing taxi operators were welcome to submit applications for operating franchised taxis and their experiences would be accorded with a higher score. The Administration would continue to maintain close communication with the taxi trade and listen to their views on measures to improve taxi service quality.</p>	

022013 – 022547	Deputy Chairman Mr Frankie YICK	<p>Mr YICK expressed his dissatisfaction that the Administration had not consulted the taxi trade extensively on the introduction of franchised taxis in Hong Kong. He also disagreed to the Administration's claims that the limited number of franchised taxis would have insignificant impact on road traffic. Mr YICK further expressed that the Administration should roll out initiatives to assist the industry to enhance their service level and competitiveness making reference to overseas practices.</p>	
022548 – 023143	Deputy Chairman Mr Tony TSE Administration	<p>Mr TSE enquired about the measures to be implemented to enhance the overall service quality of ordinary taxis. The Administration advised that TD had been collaborating with the taxi trade through the Committee on Taxi Service Quality to further improve the quality of taxi service.</p> <p>Mr TSE further enquired how the Administration would ensure the service quality of franchised taxis given that the fare level of franchised taxis would be set at around 50% above the ordinary taxi fare. The Administration advised that it would monitor the franchisees' performance through franchise terms, which would clearly prescribe the service levels and service standards required of the franchisees.</p>	
023144 – 023737	Deputy Chairman Administration	<p>The Deputy Chairman enquired about the enforcement actions taken against the provision of illegal hire car services through online hailing platforms. The Administration reiterated that the Police had been taking enforcement actions in that regard and advised that upon completing a review, TD had proposed to increase the penalties for illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward.</p> <p>The Deputy Chairman opined that the</p>	

		Administration should consider introducing an appropriate regulatory regime including licencing control for online hailing platforms. The Administration reiterated that using online hailing platforms itself would not constitute an illicit act but the use of vehicles for the carriage of passengers for hire or reward without a valid hire car permit would commit an offence.	
023738 – 024148	Deputy Chairman Mr LUK Chung-hung Administration	<p>Mr LUK opined that the operators of franchised taxis should be required to maintain an employer-employee relationship with their taxi drivers so that the income of frontline taxi drivers would be better guaranteed. The Administration responded that having regard to the trade's concerns and the experience of taxi trade in operating taxi fleets, the Administration agreed that maintaining an employer-employee relationship would not be a mandatory requirement under the franchise but applicants who proposed to maintain an employer-employee relationship would be given higher score.</p> <p>Mr LUK further enquired about the corresponding weighting of the proportion of drivers engaged in employer-employee relationship in the tender assessment. The Administration responded that specific details would have to be further worked out taking into account the views of different parties.</p>	
024149 – 024720	Deputy Chairman Mr SHIU Ka-fai Administration	Mr SHIU expressed that it was not an opportune time to introduce franchised taxis in view of the significant drop in taxi patronage due to the staging of public order events in the past six months and the increased competition from other public transport services like railway and public light buses.	

		<p>The Administration advised that a series of measures had been rolled out to assist the transport trade in coping with the operating pressure under the current economic environment.</p>	
024721 – 025348	Deputy Chairman Mr Jeremy TAM Administration	<p>Mr TAM expressed support for the Bill so that more new initiatives could be introduced into the taxi market. He proposed that franchised taxis should adopt a flexible fare setting mechanism under which the fare level should be set at about 30% to 50% higher than that of the ordinary taxis.</p> <p>The Administration responded that it was appropriate to set the fare level of franchised taxis at around 50% above the ordinary taxi fare, in order to set a clear differential between ordinary taxis and franchised taxis to achieve a more distinctive market positioning and also to give the operators greater financial viability.</p> <p>Mr TAM enquired about the feasibility of relaxing restrictions in respect of vehicle types to encourage the use of wheelchair-accessible vehicles as franchised taxis. The Administration responded that the franchised taxi operators could decide on the type of vehicles to be used subject to the minimum vehicle price requirement and relevant law requirements.</p>	
025349 – 025951	Deputy Chairman Mr Frankie YICK Administration	<p>Mr YICK expressed that the enforcement actions against illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward were not adequate and the existing sanctions for various taxi malpractices should be reviewed. He disagreed to the Competition Commission's view that competition had been excluded from the taxi service in Hong Kong since the competition from other public transport</p>	

		<p>services and that amongst the existing 18 000-odd taxis was keen. He added that the trade had taken initiatives to enhance the service quality of taxis and certain taxi fleets in the market had been providing services of higher quality with features similar to those proposed in the Bill for franchised taxis. Hence, Mr YICK considered the introduction of franchised taxis unnecessary.</p> <p>The Administration responded that it would continue to take into account views from various stakeholders in formulating the franchised taxi proposal.</p>	
025952 – 030321	Deputy Chairman Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok Administration	<p>Ir Dr LO's opined that the Administration should assist the trade to enhance the service quality through the existing mechanism. He asked whether the Administration would re-consider the introduction of franchised taxis in Hong Kong, having noted that a great majority of deputations did not support the proposal. The Administration responded that it would carefully consider the views expressed by LegCo members and deputations at the Bills Committee.</p>	
030322 – 030905	Deputy Chairman Mr SHIU Ka-fai Administration	<p>Mr SHIU expressed his dissatisfaction to the Administration's claim that the Legislative Council in general supported the introduction of franchised taxis. He pointed out that a motion raised by Mr Frankie YICK requesting the Administration to shelve the franchised taxi proposal was passed at the meeting of the Panel on Transport ("the Panel") on 21 April 2017.</p> <p>The Administration responded that five motions were passed at the above Panel meeting. Apart from the one raised by Mr Frankie YICK, the other four motions passed did not expressly object to the</p>	

		franchised taxi proposal and put forward different views on the implementation details.	
030906 – 031004	Deputy Chairman Mr Frankie YICK	Mr YICK expressed objection to the franchised taxi proposal on behalf of the Liberal Party.	
031005 – 031100	Deputy Chairman	The Deputy Chairman thanked the deputations for attending the meeting and advised that they might leave the meeting at this point.	
<i>Agenda Item II – Any other business</i>			
031101 – 031110	Deputy Chairman	Closing remarks	