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Bills Committee on Franchised Taxi Services Bill

**Minutes of the fourth meeting
held on Monday, 1 June 2020, at 2:30 pm
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

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

Miss Mandy LAM
Legislative Assistant (4)2

I. Way forward of the work of the Bills Committee

The Chairman remarked that due to impracticality to complete scrutiny of the Bill before the end of the current legislative term, he had directed the Secretariat to seek views from members by way of circulation of paper on the way forward of the Bills Committee (LC Paper No. CB(4)540/19-20). A total of eight members agreed to discontinue the work of the Bills Committee and report to the House Committee the decision to discontinue its work, four members disagreed, and four members had not responded to the circular. As diverse views were received, the Chairman decided to convene this meeting. He invited members present at the meeting to express their views on the way forward of the Bills Committee.

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

3. After discussion, the Chairman put the following motion to vote:

“The Bills Committee agrees to discontinue its scrutiny work on the Bill and report the decision to the House Committee.”

4. Members voted by a show of hands. Seven members voted for and one member voted against the motion. No member abstained from voting. The Chairman concluded that the Bills Committee would discontinue its scrutiny work and report the decision to the House Committee the soonest possible.

II Any other business

5. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:50 pm.

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Running Time	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
<i>Agenda Item I – Way forward of the work of the Bills Committee</i>			
000355 – 000703	Chairman	Opening remark	
000704 – 000731	Chairman Mr Frankie YICK	Mr YICK supported discontinuing the work of the Bills Committee due to insufficient time to complete the scrutiny of the Bill before the end of current legislative term.	
000732 – 000818	Chairman	The Chairman reminded members of the tight timeline for resuming Second Reading Debate on the Bill should the Bills Committee decide to continue its work.	
000819 – 000941	Chairman Mr LAM Cheuk-ting	Mr LAM supported discontinuing the work of the Bills Committee having regard to present economic situation, views of the taxi trade as well as progress of work of the Bills Committee at present.	
000942 – 001358	Chairman Mr Jeremy TAM	Mr TAM enquired about the possibility of convening additional meetings and the Administration's intention to resume Second Reading Debate on the Bill amongst other Bills pending resumption of the Second Reading Debate. He expressed that if the Administration accorded priority to the Bill, it might be worthy to pursue completion of the scrutiny work before the end of current legislative term. The Chairman responded that as the Bills Committee had yet to finish receiving views from deputations and had not started the clause-by-clause examination of the Bill, he personally did not see it feasible to complete the above tasks before the end of current legislative term. As such, he had not consulted with the Administration about its intent to resume Second Reading Debate on the Bill.	
001359 – 001616	Chairman Mr Tony TSE	Mr TSE opined that the Bills Committee could continue to receive views from deputations which	

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		could serve as a useful reference for the Administration to introduce the Bill again in future. Yet, he raised no objection to discontinue the work of the Bills Committee if other members considered it infeasible to do so.	
001617 – 001729	Chairman Mr SHIU Ka-fai	Mr SHIU did not support convening additional meetings in haste for the sake of completing the scrutiny of the Bill. He supported discontinuing the work of the Bills Committee.	
001730 – 001840	Chairman Mr LAU Kwok-fan	Mr LAU did not consider it feasible to complete scrutiny of the Bill before the end of current legislative term and supported discontinuing the work of the Bills Committee.	
001841 – 002014	Chairman Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok	Ir Dr LO expressed that other committees such as the Public Works Subcommittee had pressing deadlines for scrutinizing financial proposals and hence, it was difficult to secure meeting rooms for holding additional meetings. He supported discontinuing the work of the Bills Committee.	
002015 – 002109	Chairman Mr YIU Si-wing	Mr YIU expressed that there were diverse views on the Bill and more time was necessary for the Administration to reach consensus and for the Bills Committee to scrutinize the Bill. He supported discontinuing the work of the Bills Committee.	
002100 – 002219	Chairman Clerk Mr Jeremy TAM	Mr TAM enquired whether there were past cases of discontinuing the work of a Bills Committee due to insufficient scrutiny time before the end of a legislative term. The Clerk responded that there was a case in May 2000 in which the Bills Committee on Town Planning Bill agreed to discontinue its work due to insufficient time to proceed its work before the end of that legislative term.	
002220 – 002344	Chairman	Voting on the way forward of the Bills Committee	
<i>Agenda Item II – Any other business</i>			
002345 – 002352	Chairman	Closing remark	

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