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9 April 2019

(Fax no.: 2840 0716)

Dear Ms Lau,

**Legislative Council Panel on Transport  
Motion on “Review of penalty level  
for illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward”  
passed at the meeting on 15 March 2019**

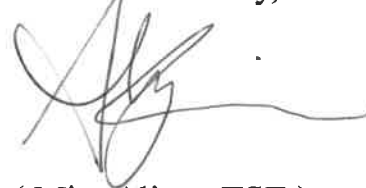
Thank you for your letter dated 19 March 2019 to the Secretary for Transport and Housing. Our response to the motion on “Review of penalty level for illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward” passed at the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) Panel on Transport meeting on 15 March 2019 is as follows.

With a view to enhancing the deterrent effect for better protection of the safety and interest of passengers and other road users, the Transport Department (“TD”) proposed to increase the penalties for illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward. The details of the proposal are provided in a paper for the Legislative Council Panel on Transport (“the LegCo Panel”) (Paper No. CB(4)519/18-19(03)).

The transport trade, Transport Advisory Committee and the LegCo Panel on Transport generally support the above-mentioned proposal. The Government is commencing the legislative amendment exercise of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) and will introduce the legislative proposal into the LegCo as soon as practicable.

In parallel, the Police continues to take enforcement actions against the offence of illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward, including collecting intelligence, conducting covert operations, investigating and following up on referral cases and complaint cases, etc. The TD will continue to maintain close contact with the Police and refer suspected cases to the Police for follow-up action. Separately, the Police will continue to closely monitor the sentences handed by the court in respect of convicted cases relating to illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward, and will request the Department of Justice (“DoJ”) to apply for review of sentences as and when necessary.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alison TSE', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

( Miss Alison TSE )

for Secretary for Transport and Housing

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