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Bills Committee on Revenue (First Registration Tax and Licence Fees for Motor Vehicles) Bill 2021

**Minutes of the first meeting held on
Wednesday, 31 March 2021, at 2:30 pm
in Conference Room 2 of the Legislative Council Complex**

- Members present** : Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP
Hon SHIU Ka-fai, JP
Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS, JP
- Members absent** : Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan
Hon CHAN Chun-ying, JP
Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, BBS, MH, JP
Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai
- Public Officers attending** : **Agenda item II**
Dr Raymond SO Wai-man, BBS, JP
Under Secretary for Transport and Housing
Transport and Housing Bureau

Ms Vivien LI Chim-wing
Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and
Housing (Transport)2
Transport and Housing Bureau

Mr Tony YAU Kwok-ting
Deputy Commissioner / Planning & Technical
Services
Transport Department

Ms Candy KWOK Wai-ying
Assistant Commissioner / Administration &
Licensing
Transport Department

Mr Stephen LEE Hoo-tin
Chief Engineer/Transport Planning
Transport Department

Mr Sunny YEUNG Pa-wut
Principal Executive Officer / VALID & Licensing
Transport Department

Mr Henry CHAN Ngai-him
Senior Assistant Law Draftsman
Department of Justice

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

Staff in attendance: Ms Wendy KAN
Assistant Legal Adviser 6

Ms Jacqueline LAW
Council Secretary (4)2

Miss Mandy LAM
Legislative Assistant (4)2

Action

I. Election of Chairman

Members agreed that it was not necessary for the Bills Committee to elect a new chairman, and that Mr CHAN Kin-por, the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Public Revenue Protection (Revenue) Order 2021, was elected the Chairman of the Bills Committee.

2. Members also agreed that there was no need to elect a Deputy Chairman for the Bills Committee.

II. Meeting with the Administration

(File Ref: THB(T)CR 3/1/2321/92, LC Paper Nos. CB(3)375/20-21, LS49/20-21, CB(4)691/20-21(01) and CB(4)641/20-21(01)-(02))

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

Follow-up actions by the Administration

4. The Bills Committee requested the Administration to provide the following information:

- (a) the number of government cars used by each policy bureau/government department;
- (b) the rank(s) of government officers who are individually provided with the free use of a car;
- (c) the annual growth rate of private cars in the past 10 years;
- (d) the decrease in the number of newly registered private cars each year following the increases of first registration tax rates and annual licence fee levels in the past occasions; and
- (e) the number of prosecutions instituted against illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward over the past year.

(Post-meeting note: the Chinese and English versions of the Administration's response were issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)750/20-21(02) on 9 April and 12 April 2021 respectively.)

Action

III. Any other business

Invitation for public views

5. In view of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 epidemic situation, members agreed that written views on the Revenue (First Registration Tax and Licence Fees for Motor Vehicles) Bill 2021 ("the Bill") would be invited by posting a notice on the website of the Legislative Council.

(Post-meeting note: The invitation notice was posted on the Legislative Council website on 1 April 2021. Members were invited via LC Paper No. CB(4)715/20-21 on 1 April 2021 to suggest other organizations to be invited for written submissions.)

Legislative timetable

6. In response to Mr Frankie YICK's enquiry, the Chairman advised members on the date of reporting its deliberations to the House Committee and the deadline for giving notice for moving amendments to the Bill, if any, subject to the confirmation of the Administration about the intended date of resuming the Second Reading debate on the Bill at a Council meeting.

Date of next meeting

7. The Chairman informed members that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 13 April 2021 at 9:00 am.

8. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:28 pm.

Council Business Division 4
Legislative Council Secretariat
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Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
<i>Agenda Item I – Election of Chairman</i>			
000446 – 000516	Mr CHAN Kin-por Mr SHIU Ka-fai	Election of Chairman	
<i>Agenda Item II – Meeting with the Administration</i>			
000517 – 001244	Chairman Administration	Briefing by the Administration on the Revenue (First Registration Tax and Licence Fees for Motor Vehicles) Bill 2021 ("the Bill").	
001245 – 001748	Chairman Mr Steven HO Administration	The impact on the financial position of the Government if the Bill were not passed by the Legislative Council; and the targeted number of private cars ("PCs") intended to be reduced subsequent to the proposed increase in first registration tax ("FRT") rates and vehicle licence fee ("VLF") levels; and so on.	
001749 – 002340	Chairman Mr Tony TSE Administration	Mr TSE indicated support for the proposed increase in FRT rates and VLF levels for PCs. Mr TSE's enquiry about the Administration's plan/objectives on the overall development of transport systems in Hong Kong, and the Administration's response.	
002341 – 003016	Chairman Mr YIU Si-wing Administration	The expected impact on the growth of PCs upon increasing the FRT rates and VLF levels and other measures to be taken to curb PC growth, including electronic road pricing and congestion charging.	
003017 – 003842	Chairman Mr CHAN Han-pan Administration	The negative impact of the proposed increase of FRT rates and VLF levels for PCs on the relevant trades.	
003843 – 004821	Chairman Mr Frankie YICK Administration	Mr YICK's opinion about the effectiveness of the increase in the FRT rates and VLF levels to curb the growth of PCs, and the causes of road traffic congestion. The Administration's response.	

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004822 – 005633	Chairman Mr WONG Ting-kwong Administration	Mr WONG's view on the causes of road traffic congestion and enquiry about the annual growth rate of licensed PCs over the past 10 years. The Administration's stance about the purpose of the proposed increase of FRT rates and VLF levels.	
005634 – 010202	Chairman Mr SHIU Ka-fai Administration	Mr SHIU's opinion on increasing the FRT rates and VLF levels, and his request from the Administration to consider deferring the effective date of the proposed increase in FRT rates and VLF levels by one year.	
010203 – 011007	Chairman Mr CHAN Han-pan Administration	Mr CHAN's proposals on easing road traffic congestion. The Administration's response. Mr CHAN's call for applying the FRT rates in force immediately before 11:00 a.m. on 24 February 2021 ("the Commencement Time") to PCs which had been imported to Hong Kong but had not yet been sold before 24 February 2021. The Administration's response.	
011008 – 011549	Chairman Mr Frankie YICK Administration	Mr YICK and the Administration exchanged their views on the causes of traffic congestion and the measures to alleviate the problem. Mr YICK's call for the Administration to consider applying the FRT rates in force immediately before the Commencement Time to PCs which had been imported into Hong Kong but had not yet been sold before 24 February 2021, and PCs which had already been shipped on board for export to Hong Kong.	
011550 – 012319	Chairman Mr SHIU Ka-fai Administration	Mr SHIU's enquiry about the reasons for not adjusting the FRT rates and VLF levels for PCs between 2010 to 2015 when the annual growth rate of licensed PCs was on the high side. Mr SHIU relayed the opposition of the trades on the proposed increase and urged the Administration to roll out more relief measures to support the trades. The Administration's response.	
012320 – 012902	Chairman Mr CHAN Han-pan Administration	Mr CHAN's enquiry and the Administration's response regarding the provision of public transport services for residents living in rural remote areas.	

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012903 – 013708	Chairman Mr Frankie YICK Administration	Mr YICK and the Administration further exchanged their views regarding the measures to ease road traffic congestion.	
013709 – 014151	Chairman Mr Steven HO Administration	Mr HO's concern and the Administration's response on the measures to control the growth of government cars.	
014152 – 014905	Chairman Mr SHIU Ka-fai Administration	Mr SHIU's opinion on the effect of increasing the FRT rates and VLF levels on curbing the growth of PCs and the Administration's response. Mr SHIU's enquiry and the Administration's response about the number of prosecutions instituted against illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward over the past year.	
014906 – 015330	Chairman Mr CHAN Han-pan Administration	Mr CHAN's enquiry and the Administration's response regarding the provision of park-and-ride facilities.	
015331 – 015834	Chairman Mr Frankie YICK Administration	Mr YICK's query about the effectiveness of the proposed increase of FRT rates and VLF levels in curbing the growth of PCs and call for the Administration to consider the feasibility of increasing the FRT rates and VLF levels of PCs by phases. The Administration took note of Mr YICK's view.	
015835 – 020223	Chairman Mr Frankie YICK Mr CHAN Han-pan Mr SHIU Ka-fai	Legislative timetable Date of next meeting Invitation for public views on the Bill	
<i>Agenda Item III – Any other business</i>			
020224 - 020230	Chairman	Closing remarks	