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**Subcommittee on Disability Discrimination Ordinance
(Amendment of Schedule 5) Notice 2021**

**Minutes of the second meeting
held on Monday, 6 September 2021, at 2:30 pm
in Conference Room 2A of the Legislative Council Complex**

Members present : Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon YIU Si-wing, SBS
Hon SHIU Ka-fai, JP
Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP

Member absent : Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan

Public Officers attending : Ms Manda CHAN Wing-man, JP
Commissioner for Rehabilitation
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Ms Veronica WONG Hoi-yee
Principal Assistant Secretary for Labour and Welfare
(Welfare)²
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Mr Patrick WONG Chi-kwong
Assistant Commissioner/Management and Paratransit
Transport Department

Ms Polly CHAN Wai-yan
Government Counsel
Department of Justice

Clerk in attendance : Ms Maisie LAM
Chief Council Secretary (2) 3

Staff in attendance : Ms Vanessa CHENG
Assistant Legal Adviser 5

Ms Catherina YU
Senior Council Secretary (2) 3

Miss Alison HUI
Legislative Assistant (2) 3

Action

I. Meeting with the Administration

[File Ref: LWB R 8/3939/99, LC Paper Nos. LS102/20-21, CB(2)1364/20-21(02) and CB(2)1411/20-21(01) to (03)]

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

2. The Subcommittee completed the examination of the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 5) Notice 2021 ("the Amendment Notice").

II. Any other business

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3. Members noted that the Chairman would give a verbal report on the deliberations of the Subcommittee to the House Committee on 10 September 2021. Members further noted that the Administration intended to give fresh notice to move a proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 29 September 2021 seeking the Council's approval of the Amendment Notice, and the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to the above proposed resolution would be 21 September 2021.

4. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:43 pm.

**Proceedings of the second meeting of the
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<i>Agenda item I – Meeting with the Administration</i>			
000438 - 000539	Chairman Admin	Opening remarks	
000540 - 001342	Chairman Admin	<p>Members noted the two written submissions received by the Subcommittee [LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1411/20-21(01) and (02)] and the Administration's consolidated response to issues raised in the written submissions [LC Paper No. CB(2)1411/20-21(03)].</p> <p>On the inclusion of eligible routes of residents' service under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities ("the Fare Concession Scheme"), the Administration advised that it would advance the start of the preparatory work for the above to September 2021 on the premise that the preparatory work for the implementation of the committed enhancement measures (i.e. the lowering of the eligible age to 60 and extension of the coverage to red minibuses, kaitos and tramways with effect from 27 February 2022) would not be affected. Given that it would take about 12 months for the Administration to complete the necessary initial preparatory work, it was anticipated that the eligible routes of residents' service would be included in the Fare Concession Scheme starting from September 2022 the earliest.</p> <p>The Chairman remarked that to his understanding, about 66 routes of residents' service that had joined the Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme should meet the three requirements as set out in paragraph 3 of LC Paper No. CB(2)1411/20-21(03) for joining the Fare Concession Scheme. Referring to the requirement that operators of individual routes of residents' service that were interested in joining the Fare Concession Scheme had to prove that there was no direct and parallel public transport alternatives for the route concerned, the Chairman asked whether the Administration would conduct a survey to take a snapshot of the current situation, with priority given to the 66-odd routes. The Administration advised that at present, the Transport Department ("TD") had approved more than 300 routes of residents' service in the territory. TD would conduct a survey on all these routes and examine whether individual routes could meet the requirements for joining the Fare Concession Scheme.</p>	
001343 - 001514	Chairman Admin ALA5	Examination of the Chinese text of the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 5) Notice 2021 ("the Amendment Notice")	
001515 - 001537	Chairman ALA5	The Legal Adviser to the Subcommittee confirmed that no difficulties relating to the legal and drafting aspects of the English and Chinese text of the Amendment Notice had been identified.	

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<i>Agenda item II – Any other business</i>			
001538 - 001704	Chairman Admin	Way forward and the legislative timetable	

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