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Panel on Transport and Panel on Financial Affairs

**Joint Subcommittee on Issues Relating to
Insurance Coverage for the Transport Sector**

**Minutes of the fourth meeting held on
Friday, 4 June 2021, at 10:45 am
in Conference Room 2B of the Legislative Council Complex**

Members present : Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP

Member absent : Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP

Public Officers attending : Agenda item I

Ms Amy WONG, JP
Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport)²

Miss Joyce KOK
Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing
(Transport)¹²

Ms Noel TSANG
Principal Assistant Secretary for Financial Services and
the Treasury (Financial Services) Insurance and
Retirement Scheme

Mr Andrew NGAN
Assistant Secretary for Financial Services and the
Treasury (Financial Services)(Insurance and Retirement
Scheme)²

Mr Patrick WONG
Assistant Commissioner for Transport (Management and
Paratransit)

Ms Louisa FUNG
Principal Transport Officer/Ferry and Paratransit
Transport Department

**Related
organizations**

: Agenda item I

Insurance Authority

Mr Simon LAM
Executive Director (General Business)

Ms Regina LEUNG
Senior Manager (General Business)

The Hong Kong Federation of Insurers

Ms Fanny FUNG
Chairman
Accident Insurance Association

Ms Selina LAU
Chief Executive

Ms Joyce LAU
Councillor
General Insurance Council

Ms Peggy NG
Deputy Chairman
Accident Insurance Association

Ms Susanna LI
Manager - Communications and Committee

Clerk in attendance : Ms Shirley CHAN
Chief Council Secretary (4)5

Staff in attendance : Ms Shirley TAM
Senior Council Secretary (4)5

Ms Carol WONG
Council Secretary (4)5

Ms Zoe TONG
Legislative Assistant (4)5

Action

I. Measures to reduce traffic accidents involving taxis and public light buses

[LC Paper Nos. CB(4)1035/20-21(01), CB(4)1047/20-21(01) and (02), CB(4)1061/20-21(01) and FS05/20-21]

Discussion

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

Follow-up actions

2. The Administration and the Insurance Authority were requested to provide a written response to the suggestions raised in the submission from the Hong Kong Federation of Insurers (LC Paper No. CB(4)1061/20-21(01)), and to follow up on the following suggestions, as well as the suggestions made by the Joint Subcommittee at previous meetings, by formulating concrete plans and implementation timetables with a view to solving the problems encountered by the taxi trade in procuring insurance –

- (a) encouraging the taxi trade to adopt technology to reduce traffic accidents:
 - assisting the taxi trade to identify suitable safety devices which could effectively reduce traffic accidents, remind drivers to pay attention to their driving attitude and clarify the related liability issues in case of a traffic accident;
 - subsidising the costs for installation of such devices on taxis, and in the long run introducing a mandatory requirement for such installation;
 - facilitating the setting up of a centralised database system for storage of footages of driving records with the use of cloud platforms;

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- discussing with the insurance sector on providing premium discount for taxis installed with the above devices and/or with footages of driving records provided;
- (b) implementing driver responsibility system on taxi drivers:
- facilitating the insurance sector to draw up a suitable third-party insurance product to be purchased by taxi drivers. Taxi owners should offer discount on taxi rental to those drivers who had purchased the insurance;
 - introducing legislative amendments to implement a driver responsibility system on taxi drivers in the long run;
 - facilitating the taxi trade to establish a database on traffic accidents and claims involving taxis;
- (c) attracting drivers to join the taxi industry:
- speeding up the vetting and approval of fare increase applications submitted by the taxi trade; and
 - extending the provision of Government's fuel subsidy for taxis.

(Post-meeting note: The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)1438/20-21(02) on 31 August 2021.)

II. Any other business

3. The Chairman suggested and members agreed to arrange another meeting in early September 2021 to discuss the progress of the Administration's follow-up work to address the problems encountered by the taxi trade in procuring insurance.
4. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:29 am.

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**Proceedings of the fourth meeting of
the Joint Subcommittee on Issues Relating to
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Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
Agenda item I – Measures to reduce traffic accidents involving taxis and public light buses			
000528 – 000726	Chairman	Opening remarks	
000727 – 001253	Chairman Transport and Housing Bureau ("THB")	LC Paper No. CB(4)1047/20-21(02)	
001254 – 001957	Chairman The Hong Kong Federation of Insurers ("HKFI")	LC Paper No. CB(4)1061/20-21(01)	
001958 – 003653	Chairman Mr YIU Si-wing THB Mr CHAN Kin-por	<p>Discussion on LC Paper Nos. CB(4)1047/20-21(02) and CB(4)1061/20-21(01)</p> <p>The Administration was requested to follow up on the following suggestions –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) assisting the taxi trade to identify suitable safety devices which could effectively reduce traffic accidents, remind drivers to pay attention to their driving attitude and clarify the related liability issues in case of a traffic accident; (b) subsidising the costs for installation of such devices on taxis, and in the long run introducing a mandatory requirement for such installation; (c) facilitating the setting up of a centralised database system for storage of footages of driving records with the use of cloud platforms; (d) facilitating the insurance sector to draw up a suitable third-party insurance product to be purchased by taxi drivers. Taxi owners should offer discount on taxi rental to drivers who had purchased the insurance; (e) introducing legislative amendments to implement a driver responsibility system on taxi drivers in the long run; (f) facilitating the taxi trade to establish a database on traffic accidents and claims involving taxis; and (g) attracting drivers to join the taxi industry by speeding up the 	Paragraph 2 of the minutes

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		<p>vetting and approval of fare increase applications submitted by the taxi trade, and extending the provision of Government's fuel subsidy for taxis.</p> <p>THB advised that the Administration was open-minded towards the suggestions that sought to improve road and driving safety by adopting technology. It would work with the taxi trade on this matter. The suggestion of implementing driver responsibility system on taxi drivers would bring significant impact and changes to the trade and involved complicated issues. It should be carefully considered having regard to the diverse views from the trade.</p>	
003654 – 004147	Chairman Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok HKFI	<p>Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok raised concern about the cases that vehicle drivers involved in road accidents were subject to deduction of no claim discount ("NCD") of their insurance policies although they were not at fault.</p> <p>HKFI explained that prosecutions for traffic accidents could generally be completed in around nine months after the incident although some cases even took six years. Insurers would then trace the third party at fault for recovering the claim payment. If the process in providing the required information could be expedited by the Police, the sooner the insurer could claim compensation from the driver at fault and confirm the insured vehicle driver was not at fault, the sooner NCD could be offered to the insured vehicle driver.</p> <p>On the other hand, in some cases, insurers took about one to 1.5 years to receive the required information from the Police, and did not succeed in recovering the claim payment. Due to the claim lodged by the insured on repair fees, for example, such expenses would be settled by the insured vehicle driver's policy and NCD would be deducted accordingly. HKFI would step up public education on relevant practice.</p>	
004148 – 094242	Chairman Mr CHAN Kin-por	Mr CHAN Kin-por requested the Insurance Authority to discuss with the insurance sector on providing discount for taxis installed with suitable safety devices and/or with footages of driving records provided.	Paragraph 2 of the minutes
004243 – 004738	Chairman Mr YIU Si-wing HKFI	Discussion on way forward and meeting arrangement	
Agenda item II – Any other business			
004739 – 004828	Chairman	Closing remarks	