

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

List of items for discussion

(as at 30 April 2021)

Meetings	Items for discussion	Proposed solutions
<p>4 May 2021 (Tuesday)</p> <p>4:30 pm</p>	<p>Eradicating insurance frauds and champerty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reviewing the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance Scheme, so as to reduce abuses of the Scheme and the number of improper claims made by the drivers concerned; and - Stepping up efforts to combat unlawful acts of champerty: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) law enforcement by the Police and relevant penalties; and (b) legal aid system: reviewing the practice of allowing an aided person to select lawyers to represent him in civil claims for damages arising from traffic accidents.
<p>4 June 2021 (Friday)</p> <p>10:45 am</p> <p>(tentative)</p>	<p>Measures to reduce traffic accidents involving taxis and light buses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementing the driver responsibility system: the driver rather than the owner of a taxi must take out a third party insurance policy as in the case of hire cars, so that the taxi driver will be held responsible for his own behaviour; - Providing economic incentives to encourage the trade to apply technology, such as retrofitting all taxis with equipment using 5G technologies to monitor the driving attitude and prevent accidents (e.g vehicle front and rear cameras, collision alert devices, driving recorders, etc.), so as to reduce the occurrence of traffic accidents;

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Taking measures to encourage and support taxi owners to form a fleet of taxis, with a view to strengthening the management of taxis and drivers; and - Attracting more drivers to join the industry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) speeding up the vetting and approval of fare increase applications for taxis, to increase drivers' income and hence attract young people to join the industry; and (b) making changes to the assessment system for obtaining a taxi licence in order to increase the supply of taxi drivers.

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