

Road Tunnels (Government) (Amendment) Bill 2023

Debate and voting arrangements

Object of the Bill : To amend the Road Tunnels (Government) Ordinance (Cap. 368) and its subsidiary legislation to:

- (a) extend their application to the Western Harbour Crossing (“WHC”);
- (b) empower the Chief Executive in Council to set different tolls for different time slots, or different parts of a time slot, in any day;
- (c) provide for new tolls in respect of the Eastern Harbour Crossing, the Cross-Harbour Tunnel (“CHT”) and WHC (collectively refer to as the three road harbour crossings (“RHCs”)) on the takeover of WHC;
- (d) provide for time-varying tolls to be charged for the three RHCs;
- (e) authorize the Commissioner for Transport to make adjustments of tolls, time and duration in relation to peak time slots; and
- (f) provide for transitional matters and make related amendments.

Joint debate : Clauses with no amendment and a clause — Clauses 1 to 32 with amendments by Hon Frankie YICK

Joint debate on the original clauses and the amendments.

Hon Frankie YICK’s amendments

Clause 20

- **First group of amendments (concerning CHT tolls):** To amend clause 20(4) of the Bill to the effect that **a fixed toll of \$20 would be charged for taxis and commercial vehicles¹ using CHT** when the time-varying tolls are implemented for the three RHCs (i.e. an across-the-board reduction from \$25 for taxis and \$50 for commercial vehicles as proposed under the Bill to \$20).
- **Second group of amendments (concerning WHC tolls):** To amend clause 20(9) of the Bill to the effect that **a fixed toll of \$20 would be charged for taxis and commercial vehicles using WHC** when the time-varying tolls are implemented for the three RHCs (i.e. an across-the-board reduction from \$25 for taxis and \$50 for commercial vehicles as proposed under the Bill to \$20).

¹ The term “commercial vehicles” means vehicles other than private cars, motor cycles, motor tricycles and taxis, and include light goods vehicles, medium goods vehicles, heavy goods vehicles, public and private light buses, public and private single-decked buses, as well as public and private double-decked buses.

Voting order	Remarks
Clauses (i.e. clauses 1 to 19 and 21 to 32) with no amendment standing part of the Bill	—
Hon Frankie YICK's first group of amendments (to amend clause 20(4))	Irrespective of whether Hon Frankie YICK's first group of amendments <u>are passed or not</u> , he <u>may move</u> his second group of amendments.
Hon Frankie YICK's second group of amendments (to amend clause 20(9))	—

Hon Frankie YICK's amendments

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