Bills Committee on Air Passenger Departure Tax (Amendment) Bill 2025

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 8 April 2025

The Administration is requested to:

- (a) in respect of the increase of the air passenger departure tax ("departure tax") from HK\$120 to HK\$200 per passenger,
 - (i) provide scientific analyses and data support for the rate of increase in the departure tax, and explain the rationale for the rate of increase;
 - (ii) consider other options, such as adjusting the tax rate in phases, imposing differential taxes based on flight distance or cabin class, or reviewing the departure tax rate again after the Government's financial situation improves; and
- (b) consider collaborating with the Transport and Logistics Bureau, the Airport Authority and the industry to explore measures to attract passengers from the Greater Bay Area to transit through Hong Kong so as to consolidate Hong Kong's position as an international aviation hub, and promote inbound spending by transit passengers during their stay in Hong Kong.

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