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Question on the proposal for enabling the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities to travel on residents' buses at a concessionary fare of \$2 per trip

Ms. Amy YUNG notifies this Council that she will raise the following enquiry at the Islands District Council meeting to be held on 7 September this year:

“ Under the current Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities, the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities can enjoy a concessionary fare of \$2 per trip on most MTR lines, franchised buses, public light buses (scheduled service) and all ferries, except residents' buses.

Many passengers relayed to me that the franchised buses or public light buses (scheduled service) did not provide services in some areas and they relied on residents' buses to commute. If the concessionary fare of \$2 for the elderly and persons with disabilities was extended to cover residents' buses, their transport burden would be relieved and that would also be in line with the aim of the Scheme of building a caring and inclusive society.

As such, I request the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Transport Department to arrange representatives to attend the meeting and explain whether the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities will be extended to all residents' buses in response to the needs of the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities. ”

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