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**Islands District Council
Traffic and Transport Committee
Paper T&TC 67/2017**

Question on a spate of traffic accidents on North Lantau Highway

Ms Amy YUNG notified this Council that she would raise the following enquiry at the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting to be held on 20 November 2017:

“ On the evening of 16 October this year, 3 car accidents occurred one after another on North Lantau Highway within 41 minutes. The first one happened at about 6:48 p.m. on North Lantau Highway Kowloon-bound near Siu Ho Wan, involving 8 vehicles including private cars, light goods vehicles and taxis with 1 person injured. About half an hour later, another traffic accident took place nearby, involving collision of 2 taxis and 1 private car, again with one person injured. After about 13 minutes, a taxi collided with a private car at the same location. The front and rear of the 13 vehicles involved in the pileup were dented and damaged.

Three traffic accidents occurred on North Lantau Highway within 41 minutes, leaving 2 people injured. Fortunately, they were not seriously hurt and were sent to hospital by ambulance for treatment.

After 2 weeks, at about 7:00 p.m. on 29 October, an accident happened again on North Lantau Highway. A private car was travelling along the highway towards Kowloon. On reaching near the Sunny Bay, the car was suspected to have lost control and rammed into the kerb. The front-left side and the tyres of the car were damaged and the driver was trapped in the car and once lost consciousness. The driver was subsequently rescued by firemen and sent to hospital by ambulance for treatment.

As such, I request the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) and Transport Department to arrange representatives to attend the meeting and respond to the following:

1. At the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting on 18 September this year, I raised a question about the frequent occurrence of traffic accidents on North Lantau Highway, to which HKPF responded that road improvement works for the highway had been completed. Yet, why traffic accidents still occur? Were the improvement works not comprehensive enough?

2. HKPF indicated at the above meeting that “Cut-Out Traffic Police Officers” achieved positive result but had no significant deterrent effect. Does HKPF have other ways to prevent traffic accidents from happening frequently?

3. Would HKPF increase patrol by unmarked police vehicles and step up speed check operation to combat speeding and penalise offenders, in the hope of preventing accidents arising from speeding? ”

Islands District Council Secretariat

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