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**Islands District Council
Traffic and Transport Committee
Paper T&TC 7/2019**

**Question on replacement of overnight ferry service with overnight bus service
in Discovery Bay**

Ms Amy YUNG notified this Council that she would raise the following enquiry at the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting to be held on 21 January 2019:

“ At the Discovery Bay City Owners Committee (DBCOC) meeting held on 24 October 2018, members voted to pass a motion on replacing overnight ferry service with overnight bus service.

The motion was proposed by Dr Francis CHIU and Mr Vic RILEY, members of DBCOC, and was passed with 12 votes for and 8 against. Of the votes in favour, 6 were cast by representatives of Hong Kong Resort Company Limited and its subsidiaries, including City Management, Auberge Discovery Bay Hong Kong and Discovery Bay clubhouses, thus arousing a suspicion of conflict of interest.

Moreover, DBCOC did not consult residents in Discovery Bay on the motion. I therefore conducted a questionnaire survey on over 8 000 households in the area and presented the survey result to Transport Department (TD) after consolidation. Around 1 000 responses, which accounted for 12% of the total number of households, were received. Ninety percent of the respondents opposed to the motion, contrary to the voting result of DBCOC.

As such, I would like the representative of TD to respond whether the department will respect public opinion and reject the application concerned.

As residents are skeptical about the representativeness of DBCOC, whereas the previous surveys conducted by Home Affairs Department (HAD) tended to tilt towards DBCOC, I would like HAD to explain the existing consultation mechanism and review how it can reflect public opinion well.”

Islands District Council Secretariat

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