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Islands District Council
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Question on Discovery Bay bus driver attacked by Mainland tourists

Ms Amy YUNG notified this Council that she would raise the following enquiry at the Islands District Council meeting to be held on 25 February this year:

“ In mid-January this year, a Discovery Bay (DB) bus driver was attacked by Mainland female passengers. The matter was classified as private dispute upon the arrival of Police and the two female assailants were allowed to leave. Apparent criminal elements were found involved only when video clips were posted online. The case was then reclassified as common assault for investigation. In this connection, I would like the Police and Transport Department (TD) to respond to the following:

1. For what reason the Police determined the case as a private dispute in the first instance and let the assailants go? Lantau North Division said it would follow up the case and pursue one of the assailants. How will the Police track down the assailant and what is the progress?
2. The number of tourists in Tung Chung, Sunny Bay and DB has increased sharply after the commissioning of HZMB. Instead of coming by tour coaches, several tens of Mainland tourists vied with local residents to use public transport to save money. The attack was triggered by a conflict over luggage. Will TD introduce any measures to prevent residents' coaches from being used as public transport carrying tourists to and from hotels and attractions? ”

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