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Question on two traffic accidents occurred on Airport Road

Ms. Amy YUNG notified this Council that she would raise the following enquiry at the Islands District Council meeting to be held on 27 June this year:

“ On 28 May this year at around 10:00pm, a fire engine and a light goods vehicle collided on Airport Road near the Cathay City. Two firemen and the light goods vehicle driver were injured.

On 29 May this year at around 11:36am, a light goods vehicle driven by a 62-year-old man lost control near a slip road of Chun Wan Road, crashing into the water barriers, lamp posts and a signpost. The driver died and a passenger of the light goods vehicle sustained injuries to his forehead and limbs.

As such, I request the Hong Kong Police Force to arrange representatives to attend the meeting and provide information concerning the causes of the 2 traffic accidents, the weather and road condition at the time, any road improvement works nearby and the mechanical condition of the vehicles concerned.

Given that many Lantau residents are worried that the safety of Cheung Tung Road, North Lantau Highway and all roads at Tung Chung Town Centre and near the Airport will be undermined after the commencement of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB), I hope that the Transport Department (TD) would send representative to attend the meeting and explain the following:

- (1) The Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) estimated a daily traffic flow of 9 000 to 14 000 vehicles travelling HZMB. Is the data accuracy ascertained?
- (2) At the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting on 21 March this year, a number of members asked whether the vehicles registered in mainland China and Macao were allowed to enter Hong Kong through HZMB. The representatives of TD, nonetheless, did not give a response clearly. I hope TD would reply to the question. Did the estimated traffic flow provided by THB include vehicles registered in Macao and mainland China?

- (3) All vehicles registered in mainland China and some registered in Macao are left-hand drive. If these left-hand drive vehicles are allowed to enter Hong Kong, would TD explain what measures it will take to ensure the safety of all road users?
- (4) Please explain the criteria for the issue of Closed Road Permits to the local registered vehicles and International Circulation Permits to vehicles registered outside Hong Kong. Will TD reduce the number of these permits issued?
- (5) Did any similar traffic accidents occur on Airport Road near the Cathay City and Chun Wan Road over the past 10 years? Please provide the relevant data. ”

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