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**Question on eight traffic accidents on North Lantau Highway and
two other traffic accidents in Lantau Link Toll Plaza**

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 at around 2:00pm this year, a private car suddenly lost control probably due to road slippery in the rain and crashed into the guardrail and overturned in the right lane on Kowloon bound North Lantau Highway near the Toll Plaza. The driver sustained head injuries.

On 3 June between around 7:00am and 8:00pm this year, there were 6 traffic accidents on North Lantau Highway (Airport bound). The newspapers reported that it was raining heavily on northern Lantau, with puddles of water on the road that created “huge waves” when vehicles passed by.

On 12 June this year at 4:00pm, a goods vehicle was travelling along North Lantau Highway towards Kowloon when it suddenly crashed into a jersey barrier at Siu Ho Wan. The driver of the goods vehicle was killed in that accident.

On 13 June at 1:09am this year, a New Territories (NT) taxi drove along Lantau Link towards the Airport and plowed into a patrol car of Tsing Ma Control Area (TMCA) in front of Lantau Link Toll Plaza. The NT taxi driver and a staff member of TMCA were injured. About 30 minutes later, an urban taxi knocked down an officer who was diverting the traffic at the scene of the accident. The taxi driver was injured and the officer diverting traffic died.

As such, I hope the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) will send the representatives to explain the following:

- (1) The causes of the above 10 traffic accidents and the road conditions at the time of the accidents.
- (2) Number of vehicles and casualties involved in each of the said accidents.

North Lantau Highway and Cheung Tung Road are parallel to each other. If pools of water were formed in any section of North Lantau Highway and Cheung Tung Road, the road safety may be undermined. I therefore hope that the Transport Department (TD) and the Highways Department will send their representatives to explain the following:

- (1) Under what condition will a large number of rain puddles gather on a road section? Do the nearby road works play a contributory role?
- (2) Will the department concerned have any plans to carry out improvement works on North Lantau Highway and Cheung Tung Road to address the problem of rain puddles on the ground?
- (3) A search online using the search engines revealed that there were at least 23 traffic accidents on North Lantau Highway and in Lantau Link Toll Plaza during the past 6 months (See Annex). Please provide information about the nature and causes of the traffic accidents that occurred on North Lantau Highway and in Lantau Link Toll Plaza for the past 6 months.
- (4) At the Islands District Council meeting on 18 April this year, the representative of TD said in response to my enquiry concerning Cheung Tung Road that the department would follow up on the matter and act basing on the police investigation results. Could TD explain whether it has followed up on the matter and how it will cooperate with the HKPF. Besides, the representative said TD would study the feasibility of providing additional passing places, indicative road signs and speed camera detectors. Please provide information about the findings of the study.
- (5) Will TD step up publicity to remind all passengers (including bus passengers) to wear seat belts to reduce injury severity in traffic accidents?

In addition, many people opine that as drivers are only required to pay toll at Lantau Link Toll Plaza (Kowloon Bound) under the current traffic arrangement, some may be mistaken to think that they also have to pay toll at Lantau Link Toll Plaza (Airport Bound), and they stop or reduce speed for payment, thus increasing the risks of accidents. Will TD install more signs on Kap Shui Mun Bridge and in Lantau Link Toll Plaza to remind drivers that they are only required to pay toll on the return trip? ”

Traffic accidents on North Lantau Highway and Lantau Link Toll Plaza
(January to June 2016)

Date	Direction	Location
17 January 2016	Airport	(details unknown)
17 January 2016	Kowloon	(details unknown)
17 January 2016	Kowloon	(details unknown)
17 January 2016	Kowloon	(details unknown)
17 January 2016	Kowloon	(details unknown)
1 March 2016	Airport	Yam O
12 March 2016	Airport	Yam O
30 March 2016	Airport	Yam O
2 April 2016	Airport	Siu Ho Wan
2 April 2016	Airport	Siu Ho Wan
20 May 2016	Airport	Lantau Link Toll Plaza
24 May 2016	Kowloon	Yam O
25 May 2016	Airport	Yam O
28 May 2016	Kowloon	Lantau Link Toll Plaza
3 June 2016	Airport	(details unknown)
3 June 2016	Airport	(details unknown)
3 June 2016	Airport	(details unknown)
3 June 2016	Airport	(details unknown)
3 June 2016	Airport	(details unknown)
3 June 2016	Airport	(details unknown)
12 June 2016	Kowloon	Siu Ho Wan
13 June 2016	Airport	Lantau Link Toll Plaza
13 June 2016	Airport	Lantau Link Toll Plaza