

(Translation)

**Islands District Council
Traffic and Transport Committee
Paper T&TC 46/2020**

**Question on Discovery Bay ferry operator
refusing shipment of goods for shops**

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 September 2020:

“ I received complaints from shop owners of Discovery Bay who indicated that they used to carry goods by Discovery Bay ferries with charges determined by the size of goods, but ferry staff recently refused their shipment and asked them to transport goods by land transport via Discovery Bay Tunnel, which increased transportation cost significantly. Nevertheless, the golf club and residents’ clubhouse under Hong Kong Resort Company Limited (HKRC) are allowed to continue using the ferry transport service and park their vehicles on emergency access for loading/unloading goods (see photos attached).

As such, I would like Discovery Bay Transportation Services Limited (DBTSL) and the Transport Department (TD) to arrange representatives to attend the meeting and respond to the following:

1. How does the service contract signed between TD and the ferry operator define the goods transport service for residents and shops?
2. When did the above new rule take effect? Has DBTSL issued notice to the shops in Discovery Bay?
3. Given that DBTSL has implemented the new rule, why the business units under HKRC can go on transporting goods by ferries?
4. Is it lawful to park vehicles on emergency access in Discovery Bay for loading/unloading goods? ”

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