

**Subcommittee on Disability Discrimination Ordinance
(Amendment of Schedule 5) Notice 2021**

Responses to Written Submissions

Purpose

This paper provides responses to the written submissions on the Disability Discrimination Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 5) Notice 2021.

Inclusion of Residents' Services (RS) in \$2 Scheme

2. The Government will lower the eligible age of the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (\$2 Scheme) from 65 to 60 on 27 February 2022, and extend the \$2 Scheme to cover red minibuses (RMB), kaitos and the tramways at the same time.

3. The \$2 Scheme is a public transport fare concession scheme. The Government has explained in public that its coverage should be confined to public transport and thus if operators of individual routes of RS are interested in joining the \$2 Scheme, they are required to prove that their service scope and operation mode fulfill the three requirements for public transport:

- (i) the RS route is made accessible to all members of the public, instead of limiting to property owners or residents only;
- (ii) there is no direct and parallel public transport alternatives for the RS route; and
- (iii) the operator of the RS route must fully comply with the requirements of joining the \$2 Scheme, including, without limitation, the Transport Department's monitoring requirements for RMB operators joining the \$2 Scheme.

4. The Government is sparing no effort in preparing for the timely implementation of the measures set out in paragraph 2 above, and will consider other proposals after implementing these measures.

Sidewalks

5. The Government is committed to implementing “barrier-free access”, providing barrier-free road infrastructures and public transport facilities for all citizens (including persons with disabilities). All newly designed and constructed public roadways, footbridges/subways, crossings, public transport interchanges are required to provide accessible facilities at appropriate locations, such as accessible ramps, lifts, drop kerbs, tactile guide paths, tactile warning strips and audible traffic signals.

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