

TCU's first quarterly report of 2019 released

The following is issued on behalf of the Transport Advisory Committee:

The Transport Complaints Unit (TCU) of the Transport Advisory Committee received 8 485 complaints and suggestions in the first quarter of 2019, with 61 pure suggestions. The total number of cases represents an increase of 7.2 per cent as compared with 7 918 cases in the previous quarter and an increase of 53.1 per cent when compared with 5 543 cases in the same quarter of 2018.

The complaints and suggestions received during the quarter were mostly related to public transport services (88 per cent), enforcement matters (8 per cent) and traffic conditions (2 per cent).

The number of cases on public transport services increased by 9.0 per cent from 6 880 in the previous quarter to 7 502 this quarter, while complaints and suggestions on traffic conditions increased from 121 to 165. Cases about road maintenance decreased from 33 to 31 and the number of complaints about illegal parking and other enforcement matters decreased from 860 to 750.

All the complaints and suggestions received by the TCU in the quarter were referred to the relevant government departments and public transport operators for follow-up action.

During the period under review, investigations into 6 647 cases were completed. Of these, 4 867 cases (73 per cent) were found to be substantiated, 26 cases (1 per cent) were unsubstantiated, and the remaining 1 754 cases (26 per cent) could not be pursued due to lack of evidence.

For the substantiated cases, the relevant government departments and public transport operators have either taken steps to rectify the situation or are considering possible solutions to the problems identified. Among these cases, 79 drivers were summonsed by the Police.

During the quarter, the relevant government departments and public transport operators took on board 11 suggestions made by the public to enhance public transport services and improve traffic conditions. A summary of the cases is in the Appendix.

Members of the public may make their suggestions or complaints to the TCU by dialling the hotline 2889 9999 (voice mail service is available outside office hours), by fax to 2577 1858, by e-mail to info@tcu.gov.hk or by filling in a form on the TCU website (www.info.gov.hk/tcu).