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Transcript of SETW's meet-the-media session on non-franchised bus

Following is a transcript of the meet-the-media session with the Secretary for Environment, Transport and Works, Dr Sarah Liao, today (November 26):

Reporter : You've mentioned some grey area ...?

Dr Liao : This related to rental contract on non-franchised buses. They are given a 14-day period where they do not require to apply for a licence. They can operate for special functions and on hire contract. However, some people utilise this 14-day period and continue to run long-term service. And that's where a lot of the arguments arise. So we planned to tighten up the A08 licence so that we would carefully screen for the need to issue such kind of licence.

Reporter :difficult to take charges right now?

Dr Liao : There are many types of offences involved, I think we need to step up the enforcement and see how it can be worked out within the current legislation. And they also reflected how we should improve the current system.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion)

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