

Installation of CCTV systems by public transport operators

Railway

Installation of CCTV systems in the public areas of MTR station premises and train compartments is detailed in parts (1) to (4) of the reply.

Franchised bus

Currently, there are around 5 700 franchised buses in Hong Kong, about 60% of which have CCTV systems installed in their compartments to facilitate bus captains to monitor the order and alighting situation of passengers. In addition, franchised bus companies have installed CCTV systems at 51 bus termini for more effective monitoring of the order of passengers and management of the operation of the bus fleet. Franchised bus companies have displayed notices at suitable locations to inform passengers that CCTVs have been installed.

Taxi

Installation of CCTV systems in taxi compartments by the taxi trade is not common. No CCTV has been installed at roadside taxi stands by the Government or the trade.

Public light bus

Some public light bus (“PLB”) operators have installed CCTV systems in the compartments of their vehicles or at the termini of routes that they operate. Images captured by such equipment are mainly to facilitate the operators to manage the order of passengers, monitor the passenger demand for corresponding service adjustments, ensure safety when vehicles are reversing or when passengers are boarding/alighting, and record the movement of the PLB concerned and other vehicles nearby.

Non-franchised bus

Installation of CCTV systems in bus compartments by the non-franchised bus trade is not common.

Ferry

CCTV cameras are installed at some ferry piers and on board ferries by major ferry operators in Hong Kong having regard to their operational needs (such as managing the order of waiting passengers and monitoring on-board facilities).

Tram

All of the existing 163 trams are installed with CCTV systems near the rear of tram compartments to facilitate the driver to monitor the order of boarding passengers and ensure their safety.