

Supplementary Notes to PAC Paper No. 4/2024

PILOTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Review of Pilotage Dues for Pilot's Boarding / Disembarkation in the Mirs Bay

Purpose

In response to the circulation of PAC Paper No. 4/2024 on 2 August 2024, members' comments and service providers' feedback were received. The purpose of this paper is to seek members' views on adjusting the proposed additional dues in paragraph 7 of the PAC paper as illustrated in the ensuing paragraphs.

Background

2. In the PAC working Group (PACWG) meeting held on 29 July 2024, members agreed that as tug was no longer used for pilot's embarkation/disembarkation in Mirs Bay, the associated tug cost has become obsolete and should be removed from the additional pilotage dues. As such, the PAC Paper 4/2024 proposing revised additional pilotage dues was circulated to PAC members for comment on 2 August 2024.

3. Subsequently, Hong Kong Pilots Association (HKPA), the service provider, has negotiated with the major users, including Hong Kong Liner Shipping Association and representative of the shipping agencies, reached a consensus and proposed the adjusted amount of additional pilotage dues for any pilotage service performed if a pilot is required to board, or disembark from, a ship in the Mirs Bay as following:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>HKPA's Proposal</u>
Additional pilotage due for Shek Ngau Chau (SNC) PBS	\$12,150	\$7,400
Additional pilotage due for Crooked Island (CI) PBS	\$12,150	\$7,400
Additional pilotage due for Ping Chau (PC) PBS	\$10,350	\$4,230

Supplementary Information

4. In response to members' comments, it is hereby proposed to amend the amounts of additional pilotage dues proposed in paragraph 7 of the PAC Paper No. 4/2024 to the followings:

Paragraph	Item	HK\$
5D	Additional pilotage dues for Ping Chau (PC) PBS	<i>\$4,230</i>
5E(a)	Additional pilotage dues for Crooked Island (CI) PBS	<i>\$7,400</i>
5E(b)	Additional pilotage dues for Shek Ngau Chau (SNC) PBS	<i>\$7,400</i>

Way Forward

5. Subject to members' views and the endorsement of the supplementary information by the PAC, MD would commence the legislative process for amending paragraphs 5D and 5E in part 2 of the Schedule.

Advice Sought

6. Members' comments are invited.