

Chronology of events leading to the investigations and subsequent conviction of a driver for use of unlicensed Public Service Vehicle and related offences

LTA commenced investigations after receiving police reports lodged against the driver of motor car SJT1444Y for using it as a public service vehicle and charging exorbitant fares of between \$30 and \$1,050 for rides. The motor car involved was impounded to facilitate the investigations and the driver was questioned.

On conclusion of the investigations, the driver of motor car SJT1444Y was charged with the following charges:

- a) 10 charges for using a vehicle as an unlicensed public service vehicle in contravention of Section 101(1) of the Road Traffic Act, Cap 276; and
- b) 10 charges for driving a vehicle without valid insurance in force in contravention of Section 3(1) of the Motor Vehicles (Third-Party Risks and Compensation) Act, Cap 189.

On 14 January 2016, the driver pleaded guilty to all charges against him. He was convicted and fined a total amount of \$15,000 (in default 50 days' imprisonment). In addition, he was disqualified from holding all classes of driving licence for 1 year. After the conviction, LTA sought AGC's approval to forfeit the motor car SJT1444Y under S101(7) of the Road Traffic Act, Cap 276, as it was used for the commission of the offences.