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SENIOR CITIZENS & STUDENTS - FREE TRANSPORT - REFUND TO BUS OPERATORS

(No. B/163) Mr P. Jhugroo (Third Member for Port Louis North & Montagne Longue) asked the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport & Shipping whether he will state if it is proposed to review the modalities for free transport of senior citizens and students and, if so, will he state what new measures will be introduced.

Reply: A Ministerial Task Force chaired by me is looking into the advisability of reviewing the present system of refund to bus operators of the cost of free transport in respect of senior citizens and students.

The Task Force, which has so far met on two occasions, is looking into the pros and cons of the various alternative options. Government will be invited to take a decision, once an effective and efficient option is agreed upon.