

**Information requested by the Bills Committee
at its meeting held on 3 May 2001 regarding
the Karaoke Establishments Bill**

To advise on the follow-up action by Buildings Department in connection with para. 43(a) of the minutes of meeting of the Environmental Hygiene Select Committee of the former Provisional Regional Council held on 3.12.1998.

Staff of the Buildings Department held an informal meeting with members of the Karaoke Requirements Concern Group (the Concern Group) on 8 December 1998 and discussed means to upgrade the exit corridors to protected corridors having a fire resisting period (FRP) of one hour with minimum disturbance. In May and June 1999, staff of the department also attended a number of joint site inspections with some members of the Concern Group.

Following this development, further discussion and consideration of the requirement for the protected corridors has resulted in the latest proposal for implementation of this requirement in phases, depending on whether the premises are provided with sprinklers or otherwise.

Security Bureau
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