

**Information requested by the Bills Committee  
at its meeting on 31 May 2002 regarding  
the Karaoke Establishments Bill (Part 2)**

The information requested by the Bills Committee is set out in the following paragraph -

**The Administration was requested to advise the time required for the Government Laboratory to conduct tests for articles which might be seized under clause 13(1)(iii).**

The time required for the Government Laboratory to conduct tests for seized articles can vary greatly depending on what the seized article is, the specific aspect of the tests, the findings required and the number of articles involved. Thus, it would be difficult to make an estimation of the time required..

In this connection, we have agreed to move a committee stage amendment to provide for the return of seized articles within 6 months if no prosecution action was taken.

Security Bureau  
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