

**Information requested by the Bills Committee
at its meeting on 5 June 2002 regarding
the Karaoke Establishments Bill**

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

- (1) To add express provisions to the Bill to provide for the return of seized property within 6 months after the date of the seizure, unless prosecution against an offence in respect of the seized property was instituted within the 6 months;**

In response to Members' request, we have no objection to move Committee Stage amendment to provide for the return of seized property within 6 months after the date of the seizure, unless prosecution against an offence in respect of the seized property was instituted within the 6 months.

- (2) To amend the proposed clause 15(5)(b) to stipulate that the licensing authority would, as soon as practicable and within 28 days after receiving the request for discharge of closure order, notify the applicant of any outstanding matters that require to be remedied.**

We agree to the proposal and will revise clause 15(5) accordingly.