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Bills Committee on Fire Safety (Buildings) Bill

**Minutes of the meeting
held on Friday, 23 November 2001 at 8:30 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Members Present : Hon IP Kwok-him, JP (Chairman)
Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

Members Absent : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon Abraham SHEK, JP
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP
Hon LAU Ping-cheung
Hon CHOY So-yuk

Public Officers Attending : Mr David WONG
Principal Assistant Secretary for Security

Mr LEE Chee-chung
Chief Fire Officer (Fire Safety)

Mr LAM Tat-wah
Acting Senior Divisional Officer
(Building Improvement & Support)

Mr C C TSANG
Assistant Director
Existing Building 2

Mr HO Cham
Chief Building Surveyor
Fire Safety

Mr W B MADDAFORD
Senior Assistant Law Draftsman

Ms Stella CHAN
Government Counsel

Mr Damian CHAN
Assistant Secretary for Security

Clerk in Attendance : Mrs Sharon TONG
Chief Assistant Secretary (2) 1

Staff in Attendance : Miss Connie FUNG
Assistant Legal Adviser 3

Miss Mary SO
Senior Assistant Secretary (2) 8

The Bills Committee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

2. The Bills Committee requested the Administration to provide a response to the following issues raised by members at previous meetings and this meeting in time for discussion at the next meeting scheduled for 18 December 2001 at 9:00 am -

- a) To include members of the public in the advisory committee mentioned in clause 5(10) of the Bill;
- b) To improve the draft guidelines drawn up by the Fire Services Department and the Buildings Department respectively, by providing appropriate illustrations where owners or occupiers might be exempted from complying with certain fire safety requirements stipulated in the Bill;
- c) To make it compulsory that fire safety improvement works required of the owners or occupiers under the Bill be supervised and certified by registered professional engineers (building services); and

- d) To make reference to an arrangement under consideration by the Buildings Department whereby orders issued by the Director of Buildings for the purpose of timely maintenance would no longer be made to the Owners' Corporations but to individual owners and that the Director of Buildings could place a legal charge registrable against the title with the Land Registry of those owners who refused or failed to pay their shares of the costs incurred in upgrading the fire safety standards in the common parts of the buildings, and to incorporate it in the Bill as far as practicable.
3. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:10 am.

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**Proceedings of the meeting of the
Bills Committee on Fire Safety (Buildings) Bill
on Friday, 23 November 2001, at 8:30 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Time	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
0000 – 0450	Chairman	Part B of the draft guidance notes drawn up by the Buildings Department to provide for the circumstances under which owners or occupiers might be exempted from complying with certain fire safety requirements stipulated in the Bill	
0451 - 0510	Admin	Ditto	
0511 - 0526	Chairman	Ditto	
0527 - 0552	Admin	Ditto	
0553 - 0600	Chairman	Ditto	
0601 - 0608	Admin	Ditto	
0609 - 0623	Chairman	Ditto	
0624 - 0636	Admin	Ditto	
0637 - 0650	Chairman	Ditto	
0651 - 0735	Admin	Ditto	
0736 - 0759	Admin	Ditto	
0800 - 0815	Chairman	Ditto	
0816 - 0831	Admin	Ditto	
0832 - 0851	Chairman	Ditto	
0852 - 0931	Admin	Ditto	
0932 - 0959	Chairman	Ditto	
1000 - 1021	Admin	Ditto	
1022 - 1107	Dr Raymond HO	Ditto	
1108 - 1118	Admin	Ditto	
1119 - 1153	Dr Raymond HO	Ditto	
1154 - 1221	Admin	Ditto	
1222 - 1306	Chairman	Ditto	
1307 - 1434	Admin	Ditto	
1435 - 1512	Chairman	Ditto	
1513 - 1611	Admin	Ditto	
1612 - 1634	Chairman	Ditto	
1635 - 1651	Admin	Ditto	
1652 - 1726	Chairman	Ditto	

1727 - 2129	Dr Raymond HO	Employing registered professional engineers (building services) to supervise and certify fire safety improvement works required of the owners or occupiers	
2130 - 2456	Admin	Ditto	
2457 - 2735	Dr Raymond HO	Ditto	
2736 - 2822	Chairman	Ditto	
2823 - 2951	Dr Raymond HO	Ditto	
2952 - 3101	Admin	Ditto	
3102 - 3143	Dr Raymond HO	Ditto	
3144 - 3303	Admin	Ditto	
3304 - 3405	Dr Raymond HO	Ditto	
3406 - 3536	Admin	Ditto	
3537 - 3626	Dr Raymond HO	Ditto	
3627 - 3845	Admin	Ditto	
3846 - 3931	Dr Raymond HO	Ditto	
3932 - 3940	Chairman	Ditto	
3941 - 4110	Admin	Ditto	
4111 - 4241	Dr Raymond HO	Ditto	
4242 - 4433	Admin	Ditto	
4434 - 4448	Dr Raymond HO	Ditto	
4449 - 4512	Admin	Ditto	
4513 - 4516	Dr Raymond HO	Ditto	
4517 - 4531	Chairman	Ditto	
4532 - 4608	Admin	Ditto	
4609 - 4702	Admin	Ditto	
4703 - 4715	Chairman	Ditto	
4716 - 4739	Admin	Ditto	
4740 - 4754	Chairman	Ditto	
4755 - 4821	Admin	Ditto	
4822 - 4927	Dr Raymond HO	Ditto	
4928 - 5012	Admin	Ditto	
5013 - 5024	Dr Raymond HO	Ditto	
5025 - 5042	Admin	Ditto	
5043 - 5123	Dr Raymond HO	Ditto	
5124 - 5133	Admin	Ditto	
5134 - 5327	Miss CHAN Yuen-han	Ditto	
5328 - 5335	Chairman	Ditto	
5336 - 5440	Miss CHAN Yuen-han	The proposal for setting up a committee in each of the 18 Districts to deal with disputes among owners in complying with the fire safety requirements stipulated in the Bill	

5441 - 5718	Admin	Ditto	
5719 - 5752	Chairman	Ditto	
5753 - 5805	Miss CHAN Yuen-han	Ditto	
5806 - 5850	Chairman	Ditto	
5851 - 5907	Ms Audrey EU	Should not proceed to clause-by-clause examination of the Bill until the draft guidelines drawn up by the Fire Services Department and the Buildings Department to provide for the circumstances under which owners or occupiers might be exempted from complying with certain fire safety requirements stipulated in the Bill were improved	
5908 - 5934	Admin	Ditto	
5935 - 010040	Ms Audrey EU	Ditto	
010041 - 010121	Admin	Ditto	
010122 - 010253	Chairman	Ditto	
010254 - 010346	Ms Audrey EU	Ditto	
010347 - 010435	Admin	Ditto	
010436 - 010503	Chairman	Ditto	
010504 - 010548	Mr FUNG Kin-kee	The advisory committee mentioned in clause 5(10) of the Bill should include members of the public	
010549 - 010745	Admin	Ditto	
010746 - 010839	Mr FUNG Kin-kee	Ditto	
010840 - 010927	Chairman	Ditto	
010928 - 010952	Admin	Ditto	
010953 - 011053	Mr FUNG Kin-kee	Ditto	
011054 - 011110	Chairman	Ditto	
011111 - 011208	Admin	Ditto	
011209 - 011213	Mr FUNG Kin-kee	Ditto	
011214 - 011221	Chairman	Ditto	
011222 - 011337	Miss CHAN Yuen-han	Should not proceed to clause-by-clause examination of the Bill until the draft guidelines drawn up by the Fire Services Department and the Buildings Department to provide for the circumstances under which owners or occupiers might be exempted from complying with certain fire safety requirements stipulated in the Bill were improved	
011338 - 011434	Admin	Ditto	
011435 - 011606	Miss CHAN Yuen-han	Home Affairs Department should render more support to building owners in complying with the fire safety requirements stipulated in the Bill	
011607 - 011848	Admin	Ditto	
011849 - 011851	Chairman	Ditto	
011852 - 011929	Miss CHAN Yuen-han	Ditto	

011930 - 011943	Chairman	Ditto	
011944 - 012037	Miss CHAN Yuen-han	Ditto	
012038 - 012126	Chairman	Ditto	
012127 - 012145	Miss CHAN Yuen-han	Ditto	
012146 - 012224	Dr Raymond HO	Considering it not appropriate to proceed to clause-by-clause examination of the Bill until all the issues raised at previous meetings and this meeting were addressed	
012225 - 012242	Chairman	Ditto	
012243 - 012312	Miss CHAN Yuen-han	Ditto	
012313 - 012335	Mr FUNG Kin-kee	Ditto	
012336 - 012413	Ms Audrey EU	Ditto	
012414 - 012440	Chairman	Ditto	
012441 - 012459	Ms Audrey EU	Ditto	
012500 - 012502	Chairman	Ditto	
012503 - 012540	Admin	Ditto	
012541 - 012545	Dr Raymond HO	Ditto	
012546 - 012605	Miss CHAN Yuen-han	Ditto	
012606 - 012615	Chairman	Ditto	
012616 - 012638	Admin/Dr Raymond HO	Ditto	
012639 - 012643	Admin	Ditto	
012644 - 012722	Chairman	Ditto	
012723 - 012735	Miss CHAN Yuen-han	Ditto	
012736 - 012906	Chairman	Date of next meeting	
012907 - 012915	Admin	Ditto	
012916 - 012921	Chairman	Ditto	
012922 - 012950	Admin	Ditto	
012951 - 013158	Chairman	Ditto	

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