

Fire Safety (Buildings) Bill

Administration's response to issues raised by the Bills Committee at its meeting on 21.5.2002

- (a) *To revise the drafting of the proposed Committee Stage amendment (CSA) to clause 7 to make it consistent with clause 10.*
- (b) *To replace the word "for" with "of" in the proposed CSA to section 2(b)(i) of Schedule 1.*

We agree to amend the Bill as proposed by Members above.
— An updated list of draft CSA is attached.

- (c) *Report on the views of the Law Society of Hong Kong on clause 14 of the Bill.*

2. We have consulted the Law Society of Hong Kong. Its Property Committee in principle supports the spirit behind clause 14 but invites the Administration to consider the drafting of the clause. If it is the intention of the legislation to impose an obligation on the relevant enforcement authority to remove the registration of the compliance or prohibition order, this should be spelt out more clearly in the clause. Furthermore, to better protect the interest of the owners, a definite period has to be fixed for the registration of the removal. In the light of such views, we have proposed CSA to improve the drafting and better reflect the intention and to specify a maximum period of one month for the registration of the removal. See the updated list of draft CSA attached.
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