

Bills Committee on Construction Industry Council (No.2) Bill

**List of Follow-up Actions Arising from Discussion
at the 5th Meeting on 22 February 2005**

	Follow-up actions	Administration's responses
(1)	<p>To consider the following views in drawing up the list of nominating organizations eligible to put forward candidates for selection and appointment to the Construction Industry Council (CIC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - representation of the nominating organizations in the trade was very important and should be one of the basic principles in compiling the list; - relationship between trade federations and member associations and their representation in the trade had to be carefully assessed. Circumstances under which member associations instead of trade federations were selected should be clarified; - being one of the largest employers in the construction field, the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA) should be represented in CIC; - as the number of works projects undertaken by the Hong Kong 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We agree that representation could be considered for inclusion as one of the selection criteria. - We will examine individual cases to ascertain if the umbrella trade federation or any of its member associations should be selected as nominating organizations. - We will consider including HKHA as a nominating organization under the category of "employers". But if a non-official is to be selected to fill this seat, we will assess if there is a corresponding need to adjust the number of seats allocated for public officers. - We will review the suitability of HKHS to remain as a nominating organization given the proposed inclusion of HKHA. - Since statutory professional bodies already covered all practitioners in the category of "professionals/consultants", we will only consider

	<p>Housing Society (HKHS) was relatively few, the appropriateness of it being a nominating organization should be reviewed; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the appropriateness of including trade association as nominating organizations under the category of “professional/consultants” should be considered. 	<p>the inclusion of trade associations on an exceptional basis having regard to the uniqueness of its role in the industry.</p>
(2)	<p>To consider the viability of drawing up a list of nominating organizations for training institutes/academic or research institutes and trade unions respectively notwithstanding that the relevant bodies were many.</p>	<p>Most faculties and departments in the universities have formed a network of affiliated research centers or institutes. There is also a common practice for industry bodies to forge partnership with these entities in taking forward specific research initiatives.</p> <p>Given the complex and dynamic nature of the research community, it seems practically difficult to come up with a list of nominating organizations in this sector without duplications or contest.</p> <p>Similarly, trade unions come with a wide variety of historical background, membership structure and coverage as well as trade classifications, rendering it impractical to draw up a list of nominating organizations without the risk of proliferation or conflicts.</p>

(3)	To assess the respective merits of allowing the nominating organizations to put forward the number of their representatives in excess of the number of seats for selection by the Government and of restricting the number of nominees to the exact number of seats.	Flexibility should be allowed for the nominating organizations to submit a list of candidates exceeding the total number of available seats in their respective sectors. This is important to ensure a ready pool of candidates for selection by the Administration.
(4)	To consider the appropriateness of increasing the membership of CIC, say to 30.	In our view, the proposed composition already strikes a fair balance between comprehensiveness of representation and nimbleness in decision-making.