

**Bills Committee on Construction Industry Council (No.2) Bill****List of Follow-up Actions Arising from Discussion  
at the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting on 15 March 2005**

	<b>Follow-up actions</b>	<b>Administration's responses</b>
(1)	To provide draft Committee Stage Amendments (CSAs) to clause 5 addressing the concerns expressed by members about long-standing problems in the industry arising from wage arrears, insurance coverage for genuine workers who took up self-employed status and management of subcontracting.	We have provided a set of CSAs on clause 5 under separate cover.
(2)	To review consistency between the English and Chinese versions of clause 5(i).	We have reviewed the drafting of clause 5(i) and considered that the legal effect of the English text and that of the Chinese text are the same.
(3)	To explain the measures being considered for adoption in the three public works pilot projects to tackle the problem of wage arrears and draw reference from experience in Macau and Canada on how to safeguard the welfare of workers.	Details of the three trial projects will be set out in a separate submission. We will also take stock of relevant practices in Macau and Canada before passing them to the working group in charge of implementing these projects.
(4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To provide a draft list of nominating organizations for the category of "trade unions" together with selection criteria for selection and explain how those organizations not so selected could reflect their views to the Construction Industry Council (CIC).</li> <li>- To provide a revised list of nominating organizations for the categories of "employers", "professionals/consultants" and "contractors/subcontractors &amp; material/equipment suppliers", if any.</li> </ul>	We will seek advice from Members in due course on selection of nominating organizations for the four categories of "trade unions", "employers", "professionals/consultants" as well as "contractors/subcontractors & material/equipment suppliers" after consulting the stakeholder groups concerned.

(5)	To propose a mechanism for opening up future meetings of CIC and compare it with that envisaged for the Town Planning Board in this respect.	We are examining the arrangements currently adopted by different statutory bodies and will consult the Provisional Construction Industry Co-ordination Board (PCICB) before reverting with a recommended mechanism for CIC.
(6)	To explain why the present composition of the Construction Industry Training Authority (CITA) could not be retained.	We agree with PCICB that since the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) will function as one of the committees underpinning CIC, a flexible model with individual candidates appointed on ad personam basis should suffice. Since it is our intention to preserve the present governance structure of CITA, continuity and stability will not be unduly affected.
(7)	To provide a response each to the letters from Hon Cheung Hok-ming and Ms Kitty Cheng dated 14 March and 9 March respectively.	Our response has been provided under separate covers.