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VI. Support measures of the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme

- 41. Mr KWU Hon-keung said that the Administration hoped that problems caused by the ageing of buildings could be solved by enacting legislation to implement the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS). However, the Home Affairs Department and Buildings Department had not provided sufficient assistance and support to Owners' Corporations (OCs). They were unfamiliar with the procedures for convening meetings, operations of OCs and the relevant legislation, and they were very often unable to meet the statutory requirements. He opined that District Offices failed to assist in the operation of newly-formed OCs after facilitating their formation. To implement MBIS when the operations of a number of OCs were not on track would not only put greater responsibilities and burden on members of OCs but also deter residents from becoming OC members. He suggested that professional assistance should be provided to the OCs concerned in enacting legislation for mandatory building inspection.
- 42. <u>The Convenor</u> noted the relevant views and said that the Administration would brief the LegCo Panel on Planning, Lands and Works on the outcome of the public consultation exercise and way forward for MBIS in due course.

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