

**Bills Committee on
Buildings Energy Efficiency Bill**

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 26 February 2010**

- (1) To advise whether consideration can be given to regulating the unit electricity consumption of the four types of building services installations in order to achieve greater energy savings.
- (2) To provide samples of the declaration forms. To also advise the liability of individual owners who may not be aware of any non-compliance with the codes of practices as the developer concerned is only required to submit the stage two declaration within four months after the issue of occupation approval. To plug the loophole, consideration should be given to increasing the penalty for contravention by developers or withholding the issue of occupation approval until confirmation of compliance.
- (3) To advise the liability of individual owners in the event of non-compliance with the Certificate of Compliance Registration as a result of retrofitting works carried out by other parties within the 10-year validity period.
- (4) To advise the relevant provisions in the Bill which specify that the requirement for compliance with the code of practice in respect of a prescribed type of building services installation under a major retrofitting works project does not apply to other building services installations located within the same area.
- (5) To consider reducing the threshold for major retrofitting works to prevent evasion of the control regime through subcontracting.
- (6) To provide details of the voluntary Green Mark Scheme (particularly the scoring system) and the Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificates and Inspections) (England and Wales) Regulations of the Building Act adopted in Singapore and the United Kingdom respectively. To also advise whether reference could be drawn from Singapore to work out a similar award scheme for Hong Kong by comparing the buildings in both places.
- (7) To seek legal advice on the need for legislation to implement a grading system for buildings after the relevant data base of energy consumption of buildings has been put in place, and the legality of uploading the grading of buildings onto the website of the relevant department(s). To also advise the transitional arrangements required to replace the energy utilization index with grades in the Energy Audit Form following the implementation of the grading system for buildings.

- (8) To provide a paper setting out the anticipated changes/improvements to the four prescribed types of building services installation after enactment of the Bill.

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