

**Bills Committee on Companies (Amendment) Bill 2010 and
Business Registration (Amendment) Bill 2010**

**Issues raised at the meeting on 31 May 2010
requiring follow-up actions by the Administration**

Company and business registration

1. The Administration should consider allowing applicants using the online application system to opt for receipt of hard copies of the company and business registration certificates.

**Amendments relating to Communications by Company to Another Person
(Other than Registrar of Companies) (Part 6 of the Companies
(Amendment) Bill 2010)**

2. To facilitate companies to comply with the requirements specified in the various sections under the proposed new Part IVAAA on Communications by Company to Another Person (Other than Registrar), the Administration is requested to issue, after enactment of the Bill, guidelines setting out the statutory requirements in an easily comprehensible manner. In this regard, the Administration is requested to provide a draft of such guidelines for the Bills Committee's reference.
3. On the concern about the need to state in various sections of the CO to specify the time periods for the notification and website display requirements etc. under proposed new Part IVAAA, the Administration is requested to consider setting out the time periods in a particular section instead, while making reference to other applicable provisions in the CO.
4. The Administration should consider refining the expression of "the person's articles" in the relevant sections.
5. Regarding the concern that a member or debenture holder of a company might not have sufficient time to take an action if he is required to make a request for a hard copy of a document or information 14 days in advance, and otherwise the company may provide the document or information within 21 days after receipt of the request (which may be after the deadline for the member or debenture holder to take an action), the Administration is requested to review the time arrangement in proposed section 168BAI.