

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

**Issues raised at the meeting on 7 June 2010
requiring follow-up actions by the Administration**

Business Registration (Amendment) Bill 2010

Refund of fees

1. In relation to members' concern about the consistency with the time frame for refunding the prescribed fee and levy under the proposed section 7A(2), the Administration should consider adding the phrase "as soon as practicable" after the word "refund" in the proposed section 7A(4) and after the word "refunded" in the proposed section 16(2)(b).

Checking of information

2. Regarding Hon Dr Philip WONG's concern about the accuracy of the addresses provided by companies for registration and notification of changes under sections 6 and 8, the Administration is requested to consider putting in place a mechanism to authenticate the addresses submitted by companies.

Official secrecy

3. Regarding members' concern that the proposed amendments to section 4 might have the unintended effect of narrowing the scope of information for preservation of secrecy, the Administration is requested to review and revise the proposed amendments as appropriate.

Drafting practice

4. Noting that the word "shall" has been replaced by "may" in the proposed section 4(3) and replaced by "must" in other proposed sections whilst the word "shall" remained unchanged in the existing sections, the Administration is requested to provide information regarding the relevant drafting principles.