

Bills Committee on Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2010

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 1 March 2011**

The Administration is requested to --

1. provide an assessment on the estimated number of existing unauthorized signboards in Hong Kong that would likely meet the required safety standards and be allowed after safety checks by registered building professionals or registered contractors under the proposed signboard control scheme;
2. consider, in consultation with the Department of Justice and having regard to the likely impact on the deeds of mutual covenant, the feasibility of requiring the owner of the signboard to obtain the prior consent of the owner of the external wall or the respective owners' corporation where the signboard in question will be erected or altered;
3. provide samples of practice notes and guidelines on the specifications, structural standards and standard drawings required for minor works items, including the erection and alteration of signboards, issued by the Buildings Department to registered minor works contractors;
4. provide information about the dimensions and related safety standards of different types of signboards (e.g. wall-side signboards mounted on an external wall and projecting signboards etc) that would be validated under the proposed signboard control scheme; and
5. follow up separately with Hon Miriam LAU a specific case referred by her regarding the demolition of an existing signboard certified safe by a qualified professional.