

Bills Committee on Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2010

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 19 April 2010**

The Administration is requested to provide written response/information on the following --

1. For buildings not exceeding three storeys in height, the Administration should further explain the justifications for excluding domestic ones from and including non-domestic ones in the Bill, and whether any risk assessment has been conducted.
2. The Administration should provide more information on why buildings not exceeding six storeys in height are exempted from the mandatory building inspection scheme in New York City, and specify the types of such buildings, and the relevance of the practice to Hong Kong.
3. The Administration should provide more information on the type of professional and technical support to be provided to help owners with building inspections and repairs, and whether such support and the subsidy for first-time building inspection would be provided on a long-term basis. The Administration should also indicate whether the Hong Kong Housing Society has plans to improve the services of its Property Management Advisory Centres.
4. The Administration should give an assessment on the manpower requirement to cope with the additional workload in carrying out audit checks on the works conducted by registered professionals after the implementation of the two mandatory inspection schemes.
5. The Administration should provide information on the tender-rigging activities identified by the Urban Renewal Authority recently and the preventive measures to be adopted.
6. The Administration should provide information on the contents of the subsidiary legislation to be made under the Bill.
7. The Administration should explain the meaning of a "projection" under the Bill.
8. The Administration should provide information on how the relevant practice notes would be released to the sector and the public.