

Bills Committee on Communications Authority Bill

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 11 January 2011**

1. The Administration was requested to:
 - (a) set out the Government's policy intent in respect of the public mission of the proposed Communications Authority (CA) and to propose amendments to the Bill to address members' concern in this respect;
 - (b) provide the organizational structure and the distribution of business of the proposed Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA) in relation to its various functions;
 - (c) advise how the Director-General of Communications and the different sections of OFCA would be funded under the OFCA Trading Fund and the new General Revenue Head; and
 - (d) provide the organizational structure and the distribution of business of the Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority in relation to its existing functions and how those functions would be discharged (and by whom) in the future upon the establishment of CA and OFCA.

2. The Broadcasting Authority (BA) was requested to provide detailed information on BA members' views on the Bill, the proposed merger of the Telecommunications Authority and BA, and related issues including but not limited to the following:
 - (a) the establishment of the CA;
 - (b) the staged approach in reviewing the regulatory regime for the telecommunications and broadcasting sectors;
 - (c) the review of the Telecommunications Ordinance and the Broadcasting Ordinance to rationalize any inconsistencies between

them;

- (d) the public mission and functions of the CA;
- (e) the composition and the size of the CA membership having regard to its scope of responsibility and workload, remuneration for CA members and whether full-time paid members should be appointed to the CA;
- (f) the status, organizational structure and functions of the OFCA; and
- (g) the operation of the future OFCA Trading Fund.

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