Bills Committee on Pyramid Schemes Prohibition Bill

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 18 October 2011

At the meeting on 18 October 2011, the Administration was requested to provide written information in response to the following concerns/requests –

- 1. propose a Committee Stage amendment to the English text of clause 1(2) to add the words "by notice published in the Gazette";
- 2. provide a comparison of the constituent elements (including *mens rea*) of relevant offences under the pyramid schemes legislation in different jurisdictions, including Australia, Ireland, the United Kingdom, Singapore, Macau, etc.;
- 3. consider replacing the term "著墨" in the Chinese text of clause 4(1)(b) and rewriting the clause in a more intelligible way; and
- 4. consider replacing "by comparison with" with "as opposed to" or other appropriate language in the English text of clause 4(1)(b) to enhance the clarity of the clause, or rewriting the clause in such a way as to require consideration of the relative importance of the two "emphases" as stated in the clause.

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