

Bills Committee on Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2013

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 13 May 2014**

The Administration is requested to:

- (a) given that under the existing instrument-based ad valorem stamp duty ("AVD") regime, the acquisition of multiple residential properties under a single agreement for sale by a Hong Kong Permanent Resident who is not the beneficial owner of any other residential property in Hong Kong on the date of acquisition would be chargeable with the AVD at the old rate, provide written response on the following:
 - (i) address members' concern about the possible abuse and inconsistency with the policy intent of the enhanced AVD measures to manage the demand of those who already own a residential property in Hong Kong;
 - (ii) explain the complexities involved and the problems that might arise if the legislation is to provide that except one property, all other properties in such instruments are to be chargeable with AVD at the enhanced rate;
 - (iii) consider charging such instruments at the old rate only if declaration is made that the residential properties acquired are for self-use;
 - (iv) consider limiting the exemption only to one residential property under one instrument; and
 - (v) justify the policy inconsistency with the Administration's latest exemption proposal on the acquisition of a residential property with a car parking space in a single instrument, in which the exemption from the enhanced AVD is restricted to one car parking space only; and
- (b) address members' concern that under the latest exemption proposal on the acquisition of a residential property and a car parking space in a single instrument, exemption would be granted to purchasers who do not own any car parking space, and not those who purchase the car parking space as a replacement property.