

**立法會**  
***Legislative Council***

LC Paper No. LS95/16-17

**Legal Service Division Report on  
Subsidiary Legislation Gazetted on 1 September 2017**

**Tabling in LegCo** : Council meeting of 11 October 2017

**Amendment to be made by** : Council meeting of 8 November 2017 (or that of 29 November 2017 if extended by resolution)

**Apology Ordinance (Commencement) Notice** **(L.N. 148)**

L.N. 148 is made by the Secretary for Justice under section 1(2) of the Apology Ordinance (Cap. 631) to appoint 1 December 2017 as the day on which Cap. 631 comes into operation.

2. Cap. 631 provides for the legal effect of apologies in certain proceedings and legal matters with the object of promoting and encouraging the making of apologies in resolution of disputes.

3. The Apology Bill was passed by Legislative Council ("LegCo") at its meeting of 12 July 2017 and the enacted Ordinance was published in the Gazette as Ord. No. 12 of 2017 on 21 July 2017. A Bills Committee has been formed to study the Apology Bill before its enactment. Members may refer to the Report of the Bills Committee (LC Paper No. CB(4)1359/16-17) for details of its deliberations.

4. No LegCo Brief has been issued in respect of L.N. 148.

5. As advised by the Clerk to the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services, the Panel has not been consulted on L.N. 148.

6. No difficulties have been identified in the legal and drafting aspects of L.N. 148.

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