

Bills Committee on Urban Renewal Authority Bill

Concerns raised at the meeting on 12 June 2000

Members requested the Administration -

- (a) to consult legal advice on the practicality of expressly stating in clause 12(1) that the Urban Renewal Authority may lend money to landowners and tenants affected by the implementation of redevelopment projects;
- (b) to revise new clause 17A(2) to the effect that where minor amendments are proposed to the urban renewal strategy, public consultation may not be conducted;
- (c) to provide a flow chart to explain the procedures involved from the inclusion of a development project and a development scheme in a corporate plan and a business plan to the making of a decision by the Appeal Board on an appeal. The Administration is requested to indicate the time to be taken for each of the steps;
- (d) to expressly provide that an assessment similar to that in clause 22(3)(c) would be conducted for a development project;
- (e) to review new clause 23B(8). Some members are concerned that a hearing of the Appeal Board should not be held in private unless in exceptional circumstances; and
- (f) to estimate the costs an appellant may likely pay should the Appeal Board makes a cost order.

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