

Views Sought on Entertainment Special Effects Bill

The Legislative Council Bills Committee on Entertainment Special Effects Bill now invites members of the public and interested parties to express their views on the Bill.

Introduced into the Legislative Council on 23 February 2000, the Bill aims to establish the Entertainment Special Effects Licensing Authority (the Authority) to regulate the supply, conveyance, storage and use (including discharge) of special effects materials for producing special effects in films, television and theatrical performance. Under the proposed regulatory framework, the Authority will be the Commissioner for Television and Entertainment Licensing, who will be responsible for:-

- (a) licensing of special effects operator;
- (b) issuing permits for the discharge of special effects materials;
- (c) registration of pyrotechnic special effects materials;
- (d) regulating the supply, use, conveyance and storage of pyrotechnic special effects materials;
- (e) approval and issue of codes of practice; and
- (f) surveillance by means of inspections and checks to ensure compliance with the regulatory requirements.

Those interested in expressing their views on the Bill are invited to send their written submissions to the Clerk to the Bills Committee on Entertainment Special Effects Bill **on or before 17 May 2000 (Wednesday)**. They may also indicate whether they intend to make oral representations to the Bills Committee at its meeting on **19 May 2000 (Friday) at 10:45 am** in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building.

The address, fax and telephone numbers of the Clerk to the Bills Committee are as follows:

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