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Bills Committee on Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) (Amendment) Bill 2001

Minutes of fourth meeting held on Friday, 17 May 2002, at 8:30 am in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

Members present	:	Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP (Chairman) Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP Hon James TO Kun-sun Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP Hon CHAN Kam-lam Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip Hon LAU Ping-cheung
Member absent	:	Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee
Public officers attending	:	Housing BureauMs Ophelia TSANG Oi-lin Principal Assistant SecretaryMs Drew LAI Sai-ming Assistant SecretaryDepartment of JusticeMr G A FOX Senior Assistant Law Draftsman

		Ms Mabel CHEUNG Government Counsel
		Rating and Valuation Department
		Mr WONG Chun-siu, JP Deputy Commissioner
		Mr SIU Kuen-sang Acting Assistant Commissioner (Rent Control and Special Duties)
		Mr LAM Kin-ha Principal Valuation Surveyor
		Mr CHAN Kwok-fan Senior Rent Officer
Clerk in attendance	:	Miss Becky YU Chief Assistant Secretary (1)1
Staff in attendance	:	Miss Anita HO Assistant Legal Adviser 2
		Mrs Mary TANG Senior Assistant Secretary (1)2

I Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1723/01-02 — Minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2002

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2002 were confirmed.

II	Meeting with the Administration	
	The Legislative Council Brief issue	ed by the Housing Bureau in June 2001
	(Ref: HB(CR) 7/5/1)	
	LC Paper No. LS 108/00-01	 Legal Service Division Report dated 18 June 2001
	Appendix III to LC Paper No. CB(1) 416/01-02	— the marked-up copy of the Bill

Appendix VI to LC Paper No. CB(1) 416/01-02	 Referral from Duty Roster Members after meeting with the Hong Kong Association of Landlords on 13 July 2001
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1196/01-02(01)	2
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1196/01-02(02)	— Administration's response to CB(1) 1196/01-02(01)
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1522/01-02	 Case studies provided by members of the Hong Kong Owners Club
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1528/01-02(01)	— Submission from the Properties Agencies Association Ltd
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1528/01-02(02)	-
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1528/01-02(03)	— Submission from the Hong Kong Bar Association
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1528/01-02(04)	
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1528/01-02(05)	 List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion on 6 March 2002
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1528/01-02(06)	
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1549/01-02(01)	
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1585/01-02	Letter from Mr Malcolm MERRY of the Hong Kong Bar Association providing supplementary information on the provisions of criminal law under which the court may order the termination of a tenancy
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1683/01-02(01)	•
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1683/01-02(02)	
LC Paper No. CB(1) 1744/01-02(01)	

- 2. The Committee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex A**).
- 3. The Administration was requested to-
 - (a) provide a copy of the internal guidelines of the Police on handling of disputes between landlords and tenants;
 - (b) consider including in the Bill a mandatory requirement for tenants to provide their personal information on name, occupation, salary as well as past rental records to landlords, and to seek legal advice on whether the proposed requirement would contravene the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486);
 - (c) allow the application for Writ of Possession to proceed in parallel with the granting of Order of Possession with a view to further reducing the time for repossession of premises where a notice of opposition had not been filed;
 - (d) clarify whether it was a general practice of the Court to require a landlord who failed to apply for Writ of Possession on the expiry date of the four-week relief period to wait for another four weeks;
 - (e) provide information on overseas countries which had a fast-track system on repossession of premises;
 - (f) liaise with the Lands Department, the Consumer Council, the Law Society of Hong Kong and the Estate Agents Authority with a view to working out standardized terms for tenancy agreement to protect the interests of both landlords and tenants. Consideration should also be given to including a standard provision to allow landlords to enter the leased premises on good grounds, such as inspection of unauthorized building works upon receipt of repair order from the Buildings Department;
 - (g) work out a clear guideline on the manner in which properties left in the premises by the tenant after repossession of premises should be disposed of and to clarify if such disposal would affect the duty of Bailiff to sell properties left on the premises;
 - (h) consider whether there should be no more than two occasions of granting of relief for forfeiture to tenants who only settled rent in

arrears after landlords had taken procedure for forfeiture when rent was not paid within 15 days after the due date;

- (i) deter unlawful eviction, consideration should be given to requiring landlords to ensure that the agents they hire to evict tenants would not use harassing acts while imposing a criminal liability on those agents who used such acts; and
- (j) protect landlords, particularly those in redevelopment cases, who were forced to sell their premises to developers because of harassing acts done by the latter.
- 4. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:45 am.

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Proceedings of the meeting of the Bills Committee on Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) (Amendment) Bill 2001 on Friday, 17 May 2002, at 8:30 am in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

Time	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action
000000 - 000320	Chairman	Confirmation of minutes of meeting on 19 April 2002 (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1723/01-02) and discussion on the Administration's response to the concerns raised at the meeting on 19 April 2002 (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1744/01-02)	required
000320 - 000324	Administration	Item 2 - To seriously consider the possibility of imposing a criminal liability on tenants who deliberately provided false information to landlords	
000324 - 000336 -	Chairman	Ditto	
000336 - 000348 -	Administration	Ditto	
000348 - 000406 -	Chairman	Ditto	
000406 - 000413	Administration	The Administration had been liaising with the Police on the handling of tenancy disputes	
000413 - 000424	Chairman	Ditto	
000424 - 000613 -	Administration	Ditto	
000613 - 000618	Chairman	Ditto	

000618 - 000659	Administration	The Administration had been liaising with the Police on the handling of tenancy disputes	
000659 - 000732	Mr TAM Yiu- chung	Need for clear guidelines for frontline police officers on the handling of tenancy disputes	
000732 - 000735	Administration	Ditto	
000735 - 000823	Chairman	Level of contact with the Police and progress of action	
000823 - 000836	Administration	Ditto	
000836 - 000841	Chairman	Ditto	
000841 - 000952	Administration	Appropriate level of contact with Police being maintained. The Police had internal guidelines on the handling of disputes between landlords and tenants	
000952 - 000959	Chairman	Ditto	The Administration was requested to provide a copy of the internal guidelines on the handling of disputes between landlords and tenants
000959 - 001005	Administration	Ditto	
001005 - 001031	Chairman	Ditto	
001031 - 001045	Mr TAM Yiu- chung	Ditto	
001045 - 001109	Chairman	LegCo might have a copy of the Police General Orders	

001109 - 001307	Mr James TIEN	Provision of false information on the part of tenants in securing tenancy. Concerned that the request for personal information from tenants would constitute a breach of Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance	
001307 - 001543	Administration	Provision of section 16A of the Theft Ordinance sufficient to capture tenants who deliberately provided false information Landlords could consider taking civil proceedings against tenants for providing false information	
001543 - 001743	Mr James TIEN	Impractical for landlords to take civil proceedings. The Administration should seek legal advice on the types of information which could be requested from tenants without contravening the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance. Imposition of criminal liability would deter tenants from giving false information	
001743 - 001802 -	Chairman	Ditto	
001802 - 001826 -	Mr James TIEN	Ditto	
001826 - 001901	Administration	Ditto	
001901 - 001920	Mr Albert CHAN	Whether the mandatory requirement for tenants to provide personal information would contravene Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance	
001920 - 001924	Administration	Ditto	

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001924 - 001935	Chairman	Request for information from tenants would not itself constitute a breach of personal privacy but the disclosure of such information might constitute a breach	
001935 - 001950	Mr Albert CHAN	Ditto	
001950 - 002008	Administration	Ditto	
002008 - 002059 -	Chairman	Ditto	
002059 - 002133	Mr Albert CHAN	Ditto	
002133 - 002137	Chairman	Ditto	
002137 - 002306	Mr Albert CHAN	Ditto	
002306 - 002312	Chairman	Ditto	
002312 - 002408	Mr TAM Yiu- chung	Ditto	
002408 - 002426	Chairman	Ditto	
002426 - 002447	Administration	Need to decide on the types of information which should be provided by tenants	
002447 - 002507	Mr Albert CHAN	Information provided by tenants to landlords should include the name, occupation, salary and past rental records	
002507 - 002536	Chairman	Ditto	The Administration was requested to consider including in the Bill a

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			mandatory requirement for tenants to provide their personal information on name, occupation, salary as well as past rental records to landlords, and to seek legal advice on whether the proposed requirement would contravene the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486)
002536 - 002613	Administration	Item 3 - To consider further streamlining the repossession process	
002613 - 002623 -	Chairman	Ditto	
002623 - 002639	Administration	Ditto	
002639 - 002814	Mr James TIEN	Need to consider further streamlining of repossession process by proceeding steps in parallel	
002814 - 003003	Administration	The interests of both landlords and tenants should be protected	
003003 - 003006	Mr James TIEN	Consideration should be given to changing the law to enable the streamlining of procedures	
003006 - 003059	Chairman	Provision of more bailiffs might be able to expedite the repossession process	
003059 - 003126	Mr TAM Yiu- chung	Ditto	
003126 - 003153 -	Chairman	Ditto	
003153 -	Mr James TIEN	Ditto	

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003228 - 003240	Chairman	Provision of more bailiffs might be able to expedite the repossession process	
003240 - 003519	Administration	Explanation on the time limits for repossession of premises in Lands Tribunal (LT) (Reference made to item 6 of LC Paper No. CB(1) 1528/01- 02)	
003519 - 003546	Mr James TIEN	Ditto	
003546 - 003602	Administration	According to the Judiciary Administrator, steps taken in parallel would result in waste of resources and in turn lengthen the court waiting time	
003602 - 003726	Mr James TIEN	Request for information on overseas countries which had a fast-track system on repossession of premises. Whether the 14 days of advance notice of hearing could be shortened	The Administration was requested to provide information on overseas countries which had a fast-track system on repossession of premises
003726 - 003745 -	Administration	Ditto	
003745 - 003800 -	Chairman	Time frame for repossession of premises in LT	
003800 - 003816	Administration	Ditto	
003816 - 003832	Chairman	Ditto	
003832 - 003839	Mr James TIEN	Ditto	
003839 - 003933	Administration	Explanation on time limits for repossession of premises in LT	

003933 - 003942	Chairman	Explanation on time limits for repossession of premises in LT	
003942 - 003953 -	Administration	Ditto	
003953 - 003959	Chairman	Ditto	
003959 - 004016 -	Administration	Ditto	
004016 - 004030	Chairman	Ditto	
004030 - 004203 -	Administration	Ditto	
004203 - 004210	Chairman	Ditto	
004210 - 004221	Administration	Ditto	
004221 - 004225 -	Chairman	Ditto	
004225 - 004230	Administration	Ditto	
004230 - 004258	Mr Albert CHAN	Ditto	
004258 - 004331	Chairman	Ditto	
004331 - 004402	Administration	Ditto	
004402 - 004540	Mr Albert CHAN	Whether procedures for repossession could be expedited by allowing the application of Writ of Possession to proceed in parallel with the granting of Order for Possession in cases where no opposition was filed	

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004540 - 004632	Administration	Whether procedures for repossession could be expedited by allowing the application of Writ of Possession to proceed in parallel with the granting of Order for Possession in cases where no opposition was filed by the tenant	
004632 - 004648	Mr Albert CHAN	Ditto	
004648 - 004653	Administration	Ditto	
004653 - 004703	Mr Albert CHAN	Ditto	
004703 - 004730	Administration	Ditto	
004730 - 004755	Mr Albert CHAN	Ditto	
004755 - 004811	Administration	If a landlord was allowed to set down the case for hearing at the time of application of repossession but it turned out that no opposition was filed, the resources would be wasted as it would be unlikely that another hearing could be fixed in the freed time slot	
004811 - 004830	Mr Albert CHAN	Ditto	
004830 - 004849	Administration	Ditto	
004849 - 004902	Mr Albert CHAN	If a landlord was allowed to set down the case for hearing at the time of application, he/she would be required to pay for the court expenses irrespective of	

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		whether a hearing was held	
004902 - 004930	Administration	If a landlord was allowed to set down the case for hearing at the time of application, he/she would be required to pay for the court expenses irrespective of whether a hearing was held	
004930 - 004939 -	Mr Albert CHAN	Ditto	
004939 - 005004	Administration	Ditto	
005004 - 005019	Mr Albert CHAN	Ditto	
005019 - 005122	Mr James TIEN	Whether it was a general practice of the Court to require a landlord who failed to apply for Writ of Possession on the expiry date of the four-week relief period to wait for another four weeks	The Administration was requested to clarify whether it was a general practice of the Court to require a landlord who failed to apply for Writ of Possession on the expiry date of the four- week relief period to wait for another four weeks
005122 - 005320	Administration	Reference made to repossession procedures in Taiwan	
005320 - 005416	Mr Albert CHAN	Need to consider how cases where no opposition was filed could be further streamlined	
005416 - 005514	Chairman	Consideration could be given to shortening the execution stage rather than the application stage	
005514 - 005631	Mr Albert CHAN	Consideration should be given to allowing the application of Writ of Possession to proceed in parallel with the granting of Order for Possession in order to expedite cases where no opposition was filed	The Administration was requested to consider allowing the application for Writ of Possession to proceed in parallel with the granting of Order for possession with a view

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		Mr Albert CHAN	Deed of Mutual Covenant whereby standard provisions were worked out by the Lands Department and the Law	
		Chairman	Ditto	

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010235 - 010246	Mr Albert CHAN	Ditto	
010246 - 010331	Administration	Some tenancy problems arose from the uncertainty in the tenancy agreement. The Estate Agency Authority (EAA) to consider the possibility of providing standard provisions for tenancy agreements	
010331 - 010342	Chairman	Ditto	
010342 - 010405	Mr Albert CHAN	Standard provisions for tenancy agreements would ensure the protection of interests of both landlords and tenants	
010405 - 010417	Administration	Ditto	
010417 - 010646	Mr LAU Ping- cheung	Consideration should be given to including a standard provision to allow landlords to enter the leased premises on good grounds, such as inspection of unauthorized building works upon receipt of repair order from the Buildings Department	
010646 - 010648	Administration	Ditto	
010648 - 010731	Chairman	Ditto	The Administration was requested to liaise with the Lands Department, the Consumer Council, the Law Society of Hong Kong and EAA with a view to working out standardized terms for tenancy agreement to protect the interests of both landlords and tenants. Consideration should also be given to

			provision to allow landlords to enter the leased premises on good grounds, such as inspection of unauthorized building works upon receipt of repair order from the Buildings Department
010731 - 010739	Administration	Item 5 - To consider providing a fast-track possession route to landlords who failed to recover rental after taking distress proceedings	
010739 - 010816	Chairman	Ditto	
010816 - 010832	Mr Albert CHAN	Whether distress proceedings and repossession proceedings could be combined	
010832 - 010928	Administration	Distress proceedings were carried out in District Court while repossession proceedings were carried out in LT. The two involved separate legal processes and could not be combined	
010928 - 010955	Chairman	Rationale for adopting distress proceedings when rent in arrears could also be recovered by taking repossession proceedings	
010955 - 011209 011209 -	Administration Mr Albert CHAN	Impractical to combine different proceedings. Not desirable to establish a separate route of special treatment to repossess the premises in favour of landlords who failed to recover rent arrears in distress proceedings	

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011308 - 011438	Administration	Seizure of property was common in distress for rent in commercial premises	
011438 - 011534	Chairman	Ditto	
011534 - 011624	Administration	Item 6 - To consider imposing a period within which tenants should remove their properties upon repossession of premises by landlords. For unclaimed properties, consideration should be given to storing these properties in public warehouse	
011624 - 011637	Mr CHAN Kam- lam	Whether orders were given on how unclaimed properties left in vacated premises were being dealt with	
011637 - 011643	Administration	Under the provisions of the Bill, LT would be empowered to make orders with regard to the disposal of unclaimed properties left by tenants	
011643 - 011732 -	Mr LAU Ping- cheung	Ditto	
011732 - 011756	Administration	Landlords to apply to LT for orders to dispose of properties left by tenants	
011756 - 011809	Mr LAU Ping- cheung	Ditto	
011809 - 011824	Administration	Ditto	
011824 - 011852	Chairman	Orders on disposal of properties would enable landlords to dispose of unclaimed properties	
011852 - 011929	Mr CHAN Kam- lam	Orders on disposal of properties had to be clearly set out	

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011929 - 012119	Administration	Empowering provisions for making orders regarding disposal of properties was proposed by LT. Landlords could apply for such orders on application for repossession	
012119 - 012200	Mr Albert CHAN	Difference between existing disposal arrangement by Bailiff and proposed arrangement involving orders for disposal by LT	
012200 - 012312	Chairman	Concerned about disputes over disposal of properties when the value of unclaimed properties was not known at the time of application for orders for disposal	
012312 - 012350	Mr Albert CHAN	Ditto	
012350 - 012413	Administration	Ditto	
012413 - 012434	Mr Albert CHAN	Ditto	
012434 - 012521	Chairman	Ditto	
012521 - 012529	Mr Albert CHAN	Ditto	
012529 - 012634	Chairman	Ditto	The Administration was requested to work out a clear guideline on the manner in which properties left in the premises by the tenant after repossession of premises should be disposed of and to clarify if such disposal would affect the duty of Bailiff to sell properties left on the premises

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012634 - 012937	Administration	 Reply to the submission from the Hong Kong Bar Association (BA) (Annex A to LC Paper No CB(1) 1744/01-02) 1. Reduction in minimum period for automatic relief 2. Implied power of forfeiture for non-payment of rent 	
012937 - 013001	Chairman	Ditto	
013001 - 013010	Administration	Ditto	
013010 - 013040	Mr LAU Ping- cheung	Concerned about cases involving defaulting tenants who only settled rent in arrears within the relief period when ordered by Court	
013040 - 013158	Administration	Ditto	
013158 - 013354	Mr James TO	Consideration should be given to introducing provisions to deter tenants from habitually defaulting payment of rent	
013354 - 013438	Chairman	Need for a limit on the number of occasions of grant of relief for forfeiture	
013438 - 013518	Administration	Ditto	
013518 - 013532	Chairman	Ditto	
013532 - 013600	Administration	Ditto	
013600 - 013628	Mr James TO	Ditto	

013628 - 013705	Administration	Habitual default in the payment of rent could be regarded as one of the conditions for forfeiture of tenancy agreement on grounds of inconvenience	
013705 - 013726	Mr James TO	More certainty in law on what should be regarded as habitual default in payment of rent	
013726 - 013745	Mr LAU Ping- cheung	Ditto	
013745 - 013759	Mr James TO	Ditto	
013759 - 013810	Administration	Ditto	
013810 - 013833	Chairman	Ditto	The Administration was requested to consider whether there should be no more than two occasions of grant of relief for forfeiture to tenants who only settled rent in arrears after landlords had taken procedure for forfeiture when rent was not paid within 15 days after the due date
013833 - 014149	Administration	Reply to the submission from BA3. Reform of termination and renewal procedure4. Grounds of opposition	
014149 - 014304	Mr James TO	New section 119E(1) which allowed the landlord to change or add grounds of opposition might catch tenant by surprise	
014304 - 014315	Chairman	Ditto	

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014315 - 014545	Administration	New section 119E(1) was proposed by LT and was meant to provide for more flexibility. LT could adjourn hearing if more time was required by tenant to make a defence on the new grounds of opposition submitted by landlord. 5. Penalties for harassment	
014545 - 014627	Mr James TO	Expressed support for BA's proposal that developers in redevelopment cases should be made liable for harassing acts done to tenants to force them to move out of their premises	
014627 - 014652	Administration	The Administration could not impose criminal liability on an innocent developer who might not have any knowledge of harassing acts done on tenants by other people	
014652 - 014923	Mr James TO	The developer was the actual beneficiary in evicting tenants in redevelopment cases. Need for the developer to ensure that such eviction would not result in unlawful acts	
014923 - 014940	Chairman	The owner of premises might not be the developer in some redevelopment cases	
014940 - 015212	Mr James TO	Developers should ensure that the agents they hired to evict tenants would not use harassing acts	
015212 - 015300	Administration	Ditto	
015300 - 015342	Mr James TO	Need for licensing system for agents and imposition of heavier penalties for harassing acts in unlawful eviction	

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015342 - 015418	Administration	Need for a cautious approach. Individual owners might not have knowledge about unlawful acts taken by agents employed by developer to evict tenants	
015418 - 015432	Mr James TO	The individual owner could prove that he or she was not behind such unlawful acts	
015432 - 015450	Chairman	Ditto	
015450 - 015505	Administration	An experienced developer could be able to exonerate himself from liability for unlawful acts taken by his agents through a carefully worded contract. Imposition of criminal liability would impact on innocent owners/developers	
015505 - 015545	Mr James TO	Need for the Administration to consider imposing criminal liability for unlawful eviction	
015545 - 015647	Administration	Ditto	
015647 - 020000 -	Mr James TO	Ditto	
020000 - 020034 -	Chairman	Proposed section 119V of the Bill provided sanctions and punishments for unlawful acts to evict tenants	
020034 - 020128	Mr James TO	Ditto	
020128 - 020216	Administration	Owners' associations were strongly opposed to the imposition of heavier penalties for unlawful eviction	
020216 - 020240	Mr James TO	Ditto	

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020240 - 020247	Administration	There were means to hold the developers liable if they were found to be masterminding the unlawful acts	
020247 - 020300	Mr James TO	Developers should be required to ensure that the agents they hire to evict tenants would not use harassing acts, otherwise they would be held liable for such acts. Consideration should be given to imposing a criminal liability on an agent who claimed to be acting on behalf of a developer to evict tenants but who had not been so authorized. This would ensure proper authorization and that developers should be held responsible for unlawful eviction	
020300 - 020310	Chairman	Actual difficulties in implementing proposal	
020310 - 020335	Administration	Proposed section 119V would suffice to ensure that unlawful acts would be sanctioned	
020335 - 020400	Mr James TO	Consideration be given to imposing criminal liability on anyone who claimed to act on behalf of the developer to evict tenants but who had not been so authorized	
020400 - 020440	Administration	Ditto	
020440 - 020450	Chairman	Ditto	The Administration was requested to consider requiring landlords to ensure that the agents they hire to evict tenants would not use harassing acts while imposing a criminal liability on

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			those agents who used such acts
020450 - 020553	Mr LAU Ping- cheung	Measures were needed to protect individual owners from harassing acts done to force the sale of their premises to developers in redevelopment cases	
020553 - 020723	Mr James TO	Ditto	
020723 - 020810	Chairman	Next meeting to be held on 10 June 2002 at 10:45 am	The Administration was requested to consider taking measures to protect landlords, particularly those in redevelopment cases, who were forced to sell their premises to developers because of harassing acts done by the latter.

Note: The audio records of the above proceedings are kept at the LegCo Library

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