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

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 8 July 2002

- (1) To advise the increase in the number of claims for interest in respect of rent in arrears by landlords in proceedings for recovery of rent as a result of advice given by staff of the Rating and Valuation Department (RVD).
- (2) To advise the compliance rate whereby repossession of premises can be completed within 103 days.
- (3) To provide the required manpower and financial resources to the Lands Tribunal with a view to expediting the repossession procedures.
- (4) To re-consider the feasibility of imposing criminal liability on the provision of false information by tenants (namely, their names, income/occupation and past tenancy records) and seek legal advice on whether such a Committee Stage amendment falls outside the scope of the Bill.
- (5) To consider vesting RVD with the power to deal with tenancy disputes not exceeding a prescribed amount of money as in the case of labour disputes by the Labour Department.
- (6) To ask the Police to update its internal guidelines on handling of landlord and tenant disputes taking into account the Bill and members' concerns.

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