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

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 23 July 2002

- (1) To elaborate on the background for increasing penalty for harassment of tenant and unlawful eviction and to give further details of the cases on tenant harassment.
- (2) To reduce the fees in relation to service by bailiff, consideration should be given to putting in place a new mechanism by which bailiff will be asked to provide the valuation of properties left in repossessed premises by tenant so that it will be for the landlord to decide on the manner how such properties shall be disposed of.
- (3) To include an undertaking in the speech to be delivered by the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands at the resumption of Second Reading debate on the Bill that the provision of false information by tenants should be included in the context of the comprehensive review of the security of tenure provisions under the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance (Cap. 7). The involvement of the sub-tenants in the legal proceedings at which the principal tenant was in default of rent payment should also be considered.
- (4) To include in proposed section 144 that provisions under the Bill will only apply to new tenancy agreements signed after the enactment of the Bill.
- (5) To follow up on review of internal guidelines on the handling of tenancy disputes by Police and keep members informed.
- (6) To redraft clause 11 along the line of the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344).

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