

**Bills Committee on  
Foreshore, Sea-bed and Roads (Amendments) Bill 2003**

**First meeting on 1 April 2003**

**List of follow-up actions to be taken by the Administration**

1. Please provide a detailed analysis of the objections against the proposed projects under the Foreshore and Sea-bed (Reclamations) Ordinance (FS(R)O) (Cap. 127), the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (R(WUC)O) (Cap. 370) and the Water Pollution Control (Sewerage) Regulation (Cap. 358 sub. leg. AL) (WPC(S)R) in the past five years. The analysis should include the following information:
  - (a) Projects
    - (i) total number of projects involved; and
    - (ii) categorization of the projects according to their nature and level of complexity.
  - (b) Lodging of objections
    - (i) number of objections lodged against each of the projects;
    - (ii) number of objections lodged within 30 days after the gazettal of the project;
    - (iii) number of objections lodged between the 31<sup>st</sup> day and the end of the two-month period after the gazettal of the project; and
    - (iv) categorization of the objections mentioned in item (b)(iii) above according to their nature and level of complexity.
  - (c) Resolving of objections
    - (i) number of objections which were resolved within four months;
    - (ii) number of objections which were resolved within four to seven months;
    - (iii) number of objections which were resolved within seven to nine months;
    - (iv) number of objections which the Chief Executive's approval had been sought to extend the period for resolving objections;
    - (v) number of objections which could not be resolved;
    - (vi) in respect of items (c)(iii) and (iv) above, details of the objections, including the reasons why such long period of time was required to resolve the objections; and
    - (vii) number of cases where the objectors had produced further arguments to delay the process of resolving the objections, and the implications of such cases on the delivery of the projects concerned.

2. Please set out clearly the existing problems in processing and resolving objections against the projects under FS(R)O, R(WUC)O and WPC(S)R, and how the Bill could address the problems without compromising the right of the public to lodge objections. Please illustrate with examples.
3. Please set out the administrative measures taken by the Government to speed up the processing and resolving of objections against the projects under FS(R)O, R(WUC)O and WPC(S)R, including the requirements for Government departments and objectors to enhance the process. Please provide samples of relevant documents, such as correspondences with the objectors.
4. Apart from consulting the District Councils on proposed projects, please consider adopting further measures, such as organizing public consultation forums, to enhance public awareness of the details and implications of the projects.

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