

**Bills Committee on Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2003**

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion  
at the meeting on 12 December 2003**

The Administration was requested -

- (a) to clarify the circumstances which would fall within Regulation 41D(3)(a) of the Building (Planning) Regulations concerning exemption from provision of emergency vehicular access (EVA). An example quoted by a member was inability of a person to purchase the land surrounding the building in question or obtain the approval of the relevant landowner for the provision of EVA which would encroach on his land;
- (b) to advise the types of foundation works which required the appointment of a geotechnical engineer. A member was concerned whether the carrying out of foundation works for the construction of high-rise superstructures required the appointment of a geotechnical engineer;
- (c) to explain the impact of the Bill, if any, on building works carried out in the New Territories (NT). Some members had raised queries about application of the requirement of mandatory provision of EVA and the appointment of Registered Geotechnical Engineers to building works involving small houses and low-density residential complex in the NT;
- (d) to report to the relevant Panels of LegCo about the outcome of consultation with the trade concerning the qualification and experience for registration as Class A and Class B minor works contractors;
- (e) to ascertain whether under the Tenth Schedule to the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344) the Lands Tribunal could handle disputes between individual owners and owners' corporations concerning the award of damages and compensation in connection with the compliance with a statutory order issued by the Building Authority;
- (f) to provide a paper to explain the issue of warning notice on unauthorized building works and the registration of warning notice in the Land Registry; and
- (g) to review the proposal for charging the issue of a copy of document kept under the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123) at \$38 per copy.