Bills Committee on Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2003

List of follow-up actions arising from discussion at the meeting on 12 February 2004

The Administration was requested -

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- (a) to provide a list of bodies referred to in paragraph 3(e) for nomination of persons for selection by the Building Authority (BA) to sit on Contractors Registration Committee (CRC);
- (b) to advise whether any checking and assessment would be done before an application for renewal of registration as a Registered Contractor (RC) is approved. Whether total subletting of construction projects is one of the factors taken into account by BA in considering renewal applications? In this respect, please explain whether total subletting of private construction projects is regulated by BA and if so, how;
- (c) to provide the number of applications for renewal of registration as a RC which were rejected because of poor track records of the applicants over the past three years, if any;
- (d) to review the composition of CRC to ensure balance of representation. Some members are concerned that an unbalanced CRC may unjustifiably exclude qualified applicants from registration as RCs in order to protect the interest of existing RCs. Please provide relevant figures, if any; and

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(e) to devise a practical regime to deal with existing unauthorized minor building works upon enactment of the proposed provisions concerning warning notice. Whether warning notices will be issued against existing unauthorized minor building works such as supporting frames for airconditioning units and drying racks. Some members are concerned about the impact of registration in the Land Registry of warning notices against existing unauthorized minor building works on conveyancing.

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