

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

**List of follow-up actions arising from discussion  
at the meeting on 23 February 2004**

The Administration was requested -

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- (a) to clarify the category of persons who may be held liable for the various offences concerning unauthorized building works, substandard building works, construction danger and minor works. Whether the person knows or does not know is a factor in determining liability for the offences;
- (b) to review the penalty scheme for minor works. In this respect, some members have expressed the following views:
  - (i) whether it is feasible to provide a separate penalty scheme for different categories of minor works. Members consider that the revised proposals of penalty levels for minor works remain too high, in particular that for not appointing a registered contractor for carrying out household minor works, like installation of supporting frames for air-conditioners and drying racks;
  - (ii) how to deal with the existing minor works even a separate penalty scheme is proposed for Category III minor works;
  - (iii) whether it is desirable and practical from the policy perspective not to hold owners and owners corporations liable for offences in relation to appointment of Class B registered minor works contractors;
  - (iv) to consult small contractors on the revised proposals on fines;
- (c) to clarify whether repair works or alteration works to small houses and squatter houses are subject to the Buildings Ordinance and the proposed minor works control regime. Please address this query in the paper to be provided concerning the impact of the Bill on building works carried out in the New Territories;

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- (d) to advise how far the building plans for buildings under the Home Ownership Scheme and Tenants Purchase Scheme are complete and could be made available for inspection upon request; and

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- (e) to provide the outline or description of the top-up courses for registration as Class B minor works courses.

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