

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

**List of follow-up actions arising from discussion  
at the meeting on 16 April 2004**

The Administration was requested:

- (a) to provide a paper to explain the viability, impact and implications of the various options raised by members in dealing with the minor works control regime in the Bill.

Members are concerned that many issues concerning minor works are still outstanding. As consultation with the trade is underway and in order that the Bills Committee could complete scrutiny of other provisions in the Bill not relating to minor works within the current term, members have raised the following options:

- (i) to delete the whole minor works control regime from the Bill;
- (ii) to delete those provisions concerning minor works which have caused the greatest concern, namely Category III minor works or the latest proposed Category IV minor works;
- (ii) to designate certain types of Category III and/or Category IV minor works as exempted works; and
- (iv) to defer the commencement of provisions concerning Category III and/or Category IV minor works until after all the outstanding issues have been satisfactorily resolved.

The Administration is requested to assess the viability of each of these options from policy, operational and drafting perspectives, taking into account the need to complete scrutiny of the Bill by early June 2004, the latest.

- (b) to advise in writing the designated trades under the Construction Workers Registration Bill relevant to the undertaking of drainage works and installation of drying racks and supporting frames for air-conditioning units under Category III and proposed Category IV minor works; and

- (c) to clarify the differences, if any, in registering as contractors in the capacity as individuals, small companies comprising one or two persons or larger companies with management structure. A member is concerned that as the present registration scheme caters for body corporates, whether operational difficulties are envisaged if a large number of small companies with frequent change of personnel are registered as contractors.

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