Bills Committee on Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2003

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 8 July 2003

- (1) To clarify the criteria for categorization of building works as minor works and specify in detail the types of works which would be regarded as such.
- (2) To explain the qualification for registration as minor works contractors.
- (3) To advise the overall policies, if any, on building maintenance and control of unauthorized building works (UBWs) and advertisement signboards and enforcement in these respects.
- (4) To explain the policy, if any, to deal with cases in which owners have genuine financial difficulties in complying with removal order in respect of UBWs.
- (5) To advise how enforcement action against UBWs could be taken without causing insurmountable hardship to the owners concerned. Requiring demolition of unauthorized cooling towers for air-conditioners of small food shops is an example in question.
- (6) To consider measures to prevent large contractor companies from monopolizing the undertaking of minor works to the prejudice of existing small contractors.

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