Bills Committee on Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2003

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 31 July 2003

The Administration was requested:

- (a) to explain the eligibility and procedures for applying for the Building Safety Loan Scheme. A member was concerned that there had been a case in which an applicant applying for a small amount under the Scheme was required to provide tenders for the works;
- (b) to provide a paper to explain how to handle situations in which building owners are uncooperative and obstruct the carrying out of works to demolish unauthorized building works (UBWs);
- (c) to advise the legislative timetable, if any, for introducing amendments to the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344) to facilitate owners incorporations to undertake works on the common parts of their buildings in compliance with statutory notices or orders;
- (d) to provide a paper to explain the existing practice or arrangement for recovering costs for demolishing UBWs or advertisement signboards affixed to a building the owners of which could not be identified or located. Please provide the statistics, if any, to show how frequent such a situation was encountered over the past few years; and
- (e) to provide a copy of the Building Maintenance Guidebook, Guide on Erection and Maintenance of Advertising Signs and related pamphlets.

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