Bills Committee on Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003

List of follow-up actions arising from discussion at the meeting on 25 May 2004

The Administration was requested:

Clause 14 section 14

(a) to revise the provision to reflect that the fees charged are in relation to the costs incurred by the Town Planning Board (TPB) and the Government in processing applications under sections 12A(3)(c),16(2)(c) and 16A(3)(b) and not other costs:

Clause 16 section 16

Subsection (2)

- (b) to revise subsection (2)(a) to expressly provide that consent is obtained or notification is given within a reasonable time. The Administration undertakes to consult the trade in determining the meaning of "reasonable time" and specify such in the Codes of Practice/guidelines;
- (c) to provide a sample of form referred to in subsection (2)(b);

Subsection (2D)

(d) to move a Committee Stage Amendment (CSA) to subsection (2D)(b) to the effect that a notice shall be published in two local Chinese newspapers and one English newspaper;

Subsection (2EA)

(e) to delete the subsection;

Subsection (3)

(f) to revise the provision to expressly require that TPB shall consider the application at a meeting;

Subsection (8)

(g) to review the definition of "current land owner" to remove uncertainty about legal title;

Clause 17 section 16A

Subsections (12) and (13)

(h) to consider revising the procedure for determining Class A and Class B amendments. The Chairman is concerned about the absence of a mechanism for participation by both LegCo and the community;

Clause 18 section 17

Subsection (2B)

(i) to move a CSA to subsection (2B)(b) to provide that a notice shall be published in two local Chinese newspapers and one English newspaper;

Subsection (2CA)

(j) to delete the subsection;

Clause 19 section 22

Subsection (1)

(k) to consider expressly stipulating the conditions under which the power of inspection of the Planning Authority (PA) could be invoked;

Subsection (7)

- (l) to consider expressly naming persons from whom PA may require the provision of information;
- (m) to advise what kinds of information which may be required by PA; and
- (n) to confirm that the Bill of Rights Ordinance will protect providers of information from self-incrimination.

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