Bills Committee on Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003

List of follow-up actions arising from discussion at the meeting on 8 June 2004

The Administration was requested:

Section 2

- (a) to review the proposed Committee Stage Amendments (CSAs) to section 2 concerning opening of meetings of the Town Planning Board TPB). Members raise the following concerns:
 - (i) it is unclear whether the present drafting would include meetings of committees of TPB; and
 - (ii) the scope of proposed subsection (5B)(b)(v), in particular the phrase "any investigation carried out under the laws of Hong Kong" is too wide.

A member does not agree with the proposed CSAs. He is of the view that it should expressly provide in law that the deliberation part of TPB meetings should be held in camera.

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(b) to provide further information concerning appointment and removal of managers of tsos/t'ongs under the first item of the paper. Members are concerned that in appointing or removing managers of tso/t'ong, whether the Secretary for Home Affairs would take into consideration the conviction of managers in relation to unauthorized developments.

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