

**Bills Committee on
Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) (Amendment) Bill 2003**

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

- (1) To review the proposed transitional arrangements for tenancies which are too complicated. Consideration can be given for the provisions in relation to removal of security of tenure to take effect after expiry of the 12-month termination period. To also advise the legal effect of the termination period and the application (in different scenarios) of the common law after the removal of security of tenure.
- (2) To consider retaining the specific grounds for repossession of premises by landlords under the existing Part IV of Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance (Cap. 7) during the proposed 12-month termination period.
- (3) To advise the time frames for repossession procedures after the implementation of the new “callover” arrangement by the Lands Tribunal and the proposed reduction of the “opposition period” from 14 days to seven days. To follow up with the Judiciary Administration the feasibility of extending such callover hearings to every day of the week rather than just once a week. To also consider whether the repossession process can be further expedited if the tenants have agreed to return the premises or have already left Hong Kong.

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