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

## List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 20 November 2003

- (1) To provide the Administration's response to concerns raised by the Hong Kong Bar Association on the proposed relaxation of security of tenure for domestic tenancies.
- (2) To provide information on tenancies of leased premises of different rateable values (RV), particularly those of lower RV which comprise major dwellings of low-income households.
- (3) To provide details of the respondents of the telephone survey, including their status (landlord/tenant) and monthly household income.
- (4) To advise the assumptions, including the forecast in flat supply (with figures), which the Administration has made in reaching the conclusion that the proposed relaxation of security of tenure is timely and has no significant implications on tenants, particularly those low-income households.
- (5) To provide a flow chart showing the time frames and the procedures through which a landlord can repossess his premises upon expiry of the tenancy agreement after enactment of the Bill as opposed to that under the prevailing repossession process. To also include in the paper the actions which the landlord may take if the tenant refuses to move out of the premises.
- (6) To relay to the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) members the concern that URA will not have to pay any statutory compensation upon redevelopment as a result of the relaxation of security of tenure provisions, which is at variance with its people-oriented approach and contrary to legitimate expectation. To also request URA to prepare a paper setting out the prevailing compensation mechanism in the event of redevelopment.
- (7) To seriously consider making it a standing arrangement so that past beneficiaries of subsidized home ownership schemes who could not afford private accommodation can be allowed to apply for public rental housing.
- (8) To provide an implementation time-table showing the time frames and sequence of events, including transitional arrangements, after all the proposals in the Bill come into full operation.

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