Bills Committee on Construction Industry Council (No. 2) Bill

List of follow-up actions arising from discussion at the meeting on 4 January 2005

The Administration is requested to:

- (a) urgently look into issues raised in the letter about pay cut and reduction of fringe benefits and provide as soon as possible a written reply to the BC. A member requested CITA to withdraw the letter;
- (b) consider opening up future meetings of the Construction Industry Council (CIC) to enhance transparency of its operation. In this context, the Administration was requested to explain how and to what extent this could be achieved, for example, by express provisions in the Bill or administrative measures; and
- (c) draw up a list of professional bodies and trade associations which might nominate candidates for selection and appointment by the Secretary for Environment, Transport and Works to CIC. The Administration was also requested to consider stipulating this list by way of schedules. In this respect, members expressed the following views:
 - (i) the criteria for drawing up this list had to be widely accepted by the industry; and
 - (ii) the interest of relatively small trade associations should not be overlooked.

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