5. Functions of Council

The functions of the Council are –

- (a) to advise and make recommendations to the Government on strategic matters, major policies and legislative proposals, that may affect or are connected with the construction industry;
- (b) to reflect to the Government the construction industry's needs and aspirations;
- (ba) to advise and make recommendations to the Government

 on how to address the concerns of the construction

 industry regarding employment matters, multi-layer

 subcontracting practice, project supervision and

 management, and dispute resolution mechanisms;
- (c) to elevate the quality and competitiveness of the construction industry by promoting the ongoing development and improvement of the industry;
- (d) to uphold professionalism and integrity within the construction industry by promoting self-regulation, formulating codes of conduct and enforcing such codes;
- (e) to improve the performance of stakeholders in the construction industry through establishing or administering registration schemes or rating schemes;
- (f) to advance the skills of personnel in the construction industry through planning, promotion, supervision, provision or coordination of training courses or programmes;
- (g) to encourage research activities and the use of innovative techniques and to establish or promote the establishment of standards for the construction industry;

- (h) to promote good practices in the construction industry in relation to procurement methods, <u>occupational safety</u> and <u>health</u>, environmental protection, sustainable construction and other areas conducive to improving construction quality;
- (ha) to enhance the cohesiveness of the construction industry

 by promoting harmonious labour relations and
 observance of statutory requirements relating to
 employment, and by facilitating communication among
 various sectors of the industry;
- (i) to serve as a resource centre for the sharing of knowledge and experience within the construction industry;
- (j) to monitor improvements made by the construction industry through the compilation of performance indicators;
- (k) to make recommendations with respect to the rate of the levy imposed under this Ordinance; and
- (1) to perform any other functions relevant to the construction industry, including those functions conferred or imposed on it by or under this Ordinance or any other enactment.