Bills Committee on Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Bill

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 20 December 2005

- (1) To consider specifying in clause 26 that a licence would remain valid, except for the purpose of export, during the appeal against the Director's decision relating to the cancellation of the relevant licence. To protect the interest of innocent third parties, there should be clear indication on the licence that it was being subject to appeal.
- (2) To advise the composition, functions and modus operandi of the Administrative Appeal Board as well as the average time taken for an appeal to be handled by the Board.
- (3) To liaise with the trades to ensure that they were aware of and had no difficulties in providing the scientific names for specimens of scheduled species in their possession or under their control. To also consider replacing the word "state" with "provide" in clause 29(1).
- (4) To review clause 41 to ensure that the things seized would not be forfeited to the Government on the ground that an offence was prosecuted under section 38.

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