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Bills Committee on Race Discrimination Bill
List of issues raised at the meeting on 3 June 2008

The Administration is requested to -

- (a) provide a paper elaborating on the following aspects of the proposed compilation of guidelines within the Government for the key Bureaux and Department to follow in their formulation and implementation of their policies and measures relevant to provision of support for ethnic minorities and promotion of racial harmony -
 - (i) issues to be covered by the proposed guidelines and the scope of their application;
 - (ii) timetable for implementing the proposed guidelines and details of the implementation plans of relevant policy bureaux/departments, e.g., whether performance pledges will be devised and whether additional resources will be allocated for the implementation; and
 - (iii) how implementation of the proposed guidelines will be monitored and its effectiveness evaluated.
- (b) give an undertaking during the resumption of the Second Reading debate that the Administration will monitor closely the effectiveness of the implementation of these guidelines and conduct an overall review in about one to two years' time after their implementation, and will legislate for introducing a Race Equality Scheme on the Government and public authorities if the outcome of the review indicates that implementation of these guidelines has not yielded satisfactory results.
- (c) elaborate on the initiatives to enhance the provision of interpretation services at public hospitals/clinics for ethnic minorities during the resumption of the Second Reading debate.
- (d) provide detailed information on additional resources to be allocated and new policies/measures to be implemented to address the problem of discrimination against new arrivals from the Mainland and to strengthen the support for them.

- (e) provide justification for the exception for immigration legislation under Clause 55.
- (f) in respect of Clause 46, to clarify the Administration's policy whether an objective or subjective test will apply for the mens rea of the offence and whether inchoate offences will be included if the provision targets the act of incitement.
- (g) provide a written response to the submission of the Association for the Advancement of Feminism, which was tabled at the meeting.

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