

Bills Committee on Communications Authority Bill

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 27 January 2011**

1. The Administration was requested to provide information on the following:
 - (a) mechanism for disclosure of members' interests in matters discussed at a meeting of the Broadcasting Authority (BA) or its committees (including guidelines and registration form(s), if any) and how "immediate family members" of a BA member were defined in the event that he had to declare the interests of such persons at the meeting; and
 - (b) the future funding for litigation costs, if any, to be incurred by the proposed Communications Authority (CA) and measures to be taken to ensure that the trading fund under CA would not be depleted by such costs.

2. The Administration was also requested to consider:
 - (a) amending Clause 11 of the Bill to the effect that, other than administrative matters, CA might not transact any business by the circulation of papers among its members;
 - (b) spelling out clearly in Clause 16 of the Bill the statutory committees to be appointed by CA, their respective terms of reference and membership;
 - (c) amending Clause 16 of the Bill to the effect that CA might not appoint any person, who was not its member, to be the chairperson of a committee appointed under Clause 16(1); and
 - (d) amending Clause 17 of the Bill to spell out clearly all the powers/functions which CA must not delegate under Clause 17(3) rather than merely referring to the section numbers of relevant Ordinances.