

Bills Committee on Legislation Publication Bill (the “Bill”)

Information paper on the scope of Clause 4 (Contents of database) of the Bill

In response to members’ concerns, we have reconsidered the arrangement of Clause 4 of the Bill. Firstly, we wish to make it clear that users will be able to find all the existing information in the Loose-leaf Edition and the Bilingual Legislation Information System in the proposed Database. In addition, we will include bills, gazetted copies of Ordinances and other useful materials and information in the Database to facilitate users.

Gazetted copies of Ordinances

2. Gazetted copies of Ordinances are currently provided for in Clause 4(2)(b) of the Bill. To align with the provision of consolidated versions of Ordinances with verification marks from the launch date of the Database, we propose to move the provision relating to gazetted copies of Ordinances that are published in the Gazette on or after the commencement date of Part 2 of the Bill to Clause 4(1) of the Bill.

Basic Law and national law applying in Hong Kong

3. To avoid doubt, the Basic Law and national laws applying in Hong Kong will be specifically set out in Clause 4(1) of the Bill.

Other legislation, materials and information

4. As a result of the proposed amendments described in paragraph 3, we would like to delete the term “legislation” in Clause 4(2)(c) of the Bill.

5. Clauses 5 to 8 and 10 of the Bill will also be correspondingly amended and the proposed amendments are shown on the marked-up copy of the Bill for members’ reference.

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