

Bills Committee on Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Bill

**List of follow-up action arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 2 May 2012**

- (1) To review the phrase "without contravening the land grant and the occupation permit" in clause 6(1) to ensure that this will not be used by vendors as means to avoid regulation by the Bill.
- (2) To seriously re-consider the need for the proposed exemption for the Hong Kong Housing Authority under clause 10(6).
- (3) To review the presentation of clauses 18 and 19 to ensure that sales brochures will include all the essential information, particularly floor plan, cross-section plan and elevation plan. To also review the use of the Chinese rendition of the term "then" in clause 18(2) and other relevant clauses in the Bill.
- (4) To provide illustrations on the prescribed font sizes for English letters/Chinese characters and numbers under clauses 20(2) and (3). To also advise the reason for imposing relatively heavy penalty for minor offence of using wrong font sizes, and the applicability of the same provision to other existing ordinances, particularly those related to insurance.
- (5) To advise whether offences under Part 2 and 3 are strict liabilities. To also review the propriety of the levels of penalties for these offences.
- (6) To review clause 26(4) to better reflect the policy intent of requiring a vendor to make available a revised price list before changing the price of a specified residential property. To provide with illustrations the application of clause 26(4) to circumstances (such as negotiation of prices after publication of price lists) and possible contraventions.