Bills Committee on Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2012

Follow-up to the meeting on 22 May 2012

Members requested the Administration to -

- (a) provide information on the concerns raised by individual organizations (such as the Hong Kong Committee on Children's Rights and Against Child Abuse) in connection with the proposed abolition of the common law presumption that a boy under 14 is incapable of sexual intercourse, and the response of the Administration to such concerns;
- (b) provide information to explain the proposed amendment to item 1 of Schedule 1 to the Legal Services Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 1997 (94 of 1997) (clause 33(1) of the Bill) in respect of the long title of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159);
- (c) provide examples of editorial amendments to explain the proposed editorial powers in relation to inserting after a reference to the title of an Ordinance the chapter number given to that Ordinance and inserting after a definition its English or Chinese equivalent under Part 7 of the Bill;
- (d) consider the appropriateness of the proposed amended Chinese rendition ("看來是") of the word "purported" in section 16(1) of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance (Cap. 485) (clause 63(2) of the Bill) in the light of members' views; and
- (e) provide explanation on and the draft of the Committee Stage amendments to the Bill proposed by the Administration concerning the repeal of the Hong Kong Airport (Control of Obstructions) (Consolidation) Order (Cap. 301A) and the Lifts and Escalators (Safety) (Fees) Regulations (Cap. 327A).