

**Subcommittee on Building (Inspection and Repair) Regulation,
Building (Administration) (Amendment) Regulation 2011,
Building (Minor Works) (Amendment) Regulation 2011, and
Buildings (Amendment) Ordinance 2011 (Commencement) Notice 2011**

**List of follow-up action arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 30 November 2011**

Part I – General

- (1) To advise how the Administration could ensure compliance of registered inspectors (RIs) if a marking scheme for RIs is not considered feasible. To facilitate building owners to ascertain the performance of RIs, consideration should be given to providing a checklist on the major duties of RIs for reference of owners. To also consider including in a conspicuous space of the publicity materials for the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS) the channels through which complaints against RIs can be lodged with a view to enhancing public awareness on these channels.
- (2) To advise the means through which the Administration can approach and contact owners of buildings without any form of management to fulfill the statutory requirements under MBIS and MWIS.
- (3) To consider setting a set of standard criteria for assessing the eligibility of building owners for the financial assistance to be provided to facilitate compliance with MBIS and MWIS. To also advise the Administration's stance on the proper range of financial assistance to be provided to owners.

Part II – Building (Inspection and Repair) Regulation

- (4) To advise the application of clause 5(2)(c) to target buildings given the different fire safety provisions under the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123), Fire Safety (Commercial Premises) Ordinance (Cap. 502) and Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance (Cap. 572).
- (5) To advise whether and how the structure of buildings can be inspected under MBIS.
- (6) To make it clear to owners that the cost of repair or testing of building is not part of the inspection cost. Given that the repair cost is probably much higher than the inspection cost, consideration should be given to providing financial assistance to building owners in need to carry out the repair.

- (7) To provide a flowchart showing the different stages of MBIS and MWIS and the lead time between each stage.
- (8) To give an undertaking that the Administration would, in consultation with the professional institutes, provide clear guidelines in the Code of Practice to facilitate RIs to ascertain the presence of unauthorized building works in the course of building inspection as these should be included in their reports to the Building Authority.

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