

**The Administration's response to the matters raised  
at the meeting of the Bills Committee  
on the Property Management Services Bill  
held on 9 February 2015**

**Purpose**

This paper responds to Members' concerns raised at the meeting of the Bills Committee on 9 February 2015.

**Procedures, Average Waiting Time and Average Legal Costs for Processing Building Management Cases in the Lands Tribunal**

2. We are seeking the relevant information from the Judiciary and will revert to the Bills Committee in due course.

**The Use of "must" in Clause 10(2)**

3. In clause 10(2) on the application for the renewal of the licences, we agree that the Property Management Services Authority (PMSA) should be allowed more flexibility in determining an application for the renewal of a PMC or PMP licence. We will consider introducing the necessary CSAs to the Bill. Similar amendment will be made to clause 9(2).

**Procedures for Licence Renewal**

4. We note Members' concerns on the procedures on application for the renewal of a licence, including the timing for application, when and how the clients of a PMC is to be informed of PMSA's decision that the PMC's licence is not to be renewed, whether a licence that expire prior to the PMSA's determination of a renewal application should remain in force until PMSA's determination of the application and whether PMSA should have discretion to accept applications made after the expiry of the licence. We are working with the Department of Justice and will revert to the Bills Committee on the detailed procedures in due course.

**Home Affairs Department  
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