Bills Committee on District Cooling Services Bill

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 25 November 2014

The Administration is requested to provide the following information:

- (a) in respect of the Administration's decision to provide district cooling services through legislative means,
 - (i) whether the Administration has considered any alternative means to provide district cooling services to potential users in the Kai Tak Development ("KTD"), such as by contractual means; if yes, details of the alternative means that were considered and the relevant legal justifications for not adopting the relevant means; if not, the considerations of not considering any alternative means before proposing the Bill;
 - (ii) the relevant legal justifications for deciding to provide district cooling services and to charge for the services concerned through legislative means, including an elaboration on the application of the authority which is stated in paragraph (iii) of the letter dated 21 November 2014 issued by the Administration and the legal justifications in addition to the said authority;
- (b) in respect of district cooling services which have been provided by the Administration (or by any service provider together with the Administration), details of the arrangements, in particular the services which are provided to the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal and the Ching Long Shopping Centre located in KTD, including the means of providing such services and the charging arrangement;
- (c) in respect of district cooling services which are proposed to be provided by the Bill,
 - (i) details concerning how district cooling services will be provided in KTD, in particular whether any service providers will be involved besides the Administration and, if yes, the relevant arrangements including how the service provider is selected and the relationship between the Administration and the service provider;

- (ii) details of the arrangements for money that is receivable or received pursuant to the provision of district cooling services proposed by the Bill; and
- (d) clarify whether option would be given to individual occupiers/tenants of a building to which district cooling services are provided to opt out for subscription to the services, and if so, how this could be effected in terms of legal and technical arrangements.

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