

Bills Committee on District Cooling Services Bill

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 13 January 2015**

The Administration is requested to –

- (a) clarify, save for clause 10(3) of the District Cooling Services Bill ("the Bill"), the means which would be adopted by the Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services ("DEMS") to give the respective requisite notices proposed by the Bill and to consider specifying the relevant means in the Bill;

Part 2

Clause 7

- (b) given that under clause 7(1)(a) of the Bill, DEMS may suspend or terminate district cooling services to a building if there is no approved consumer for the building, advise how DEMS will handle such situation, including whether and how the Administration would communicate with individual occupiers/tenants of the building in the light of the absence of the approved consumer and consider setting out the relevant arrangements in the Bill;
- (c) provide details of the arrangements for the provision of district cooling services to a user building in case where the approved consumer for the building has ceased to exist without a replacement, in particular whether the Administration will charge individual occupiers/tenants of the building district cooling services charges directly during the transitional period and if yes, how this could be effected in terms of legal or administrative arrangements; and
- (d) consider adding a provision in clause 7 of the Bill to set out a specified time after which DEMS will suspend or terminate the provision of district cooling services to a user building in case where the approved consumer for the building fails to settle any outstanding district cooling services charges (including surcharges and further surcharges) due to the Government.