

**Bills Committee on Veterinary Surgeons Registration  
(Amendment) Bill 2014**

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion  
at the meeting of 17 November 2014**

The Administration is requested to provide the following information in relation to the Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Amendment) Bill 2014 ("the Bill") –

- (a) the ratios of registered veterinary surgeons ("RVs") to animals in Hong Kong and overseas jurisdictions;
- (b) the reason(s) for not proposing the election of all the 12 RVs by the veterinary profession to the Veterinary Surgeons Board ("VSB") in the Bill;
- (c) the merits of the proposed election of six RVs by the profession to VSB;
- (d) the background (including specialties) of the six RVs appointed by the Secretary for Food and Health ("SFH") to VSB since its establishment in 1997;
- (e) in connection with clause 13 of the Bill under which the proposed new section 28(1A) provides that SFH may by regulation provide for matters concerning an election of members to VSB, (i) the proposal on the election; and (ii) the reason(s) for the proposed regulation being subject to "negative vetting" instead of "positive vetting" by the Legislative Council;
- (f) the longest and shortest times taken by VSB to conclude its investigation of a complaint received from 2002 to 2006 and from 2007 to 2011 respectively; and
- (g) in connection with section 7 of the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance (Cap. 529) under which a Legal Adviser is appointed by SFH to VSB, whether more legal advisers may be appointed to VSB to cope with the rising caseload as and when necessary.