

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

**Supplementary information requested by Members
at the meeting on 26 January 2015**

At the meeting held on 26 January 2015, the Bills Committee requested the Administration to relay the following enquiry to the Veterinary Surgeons Board (VSB). Our response is set out below.

Follow-up action	The Administration's response
<p>The Bills Committee requested VSB to consider introducing measures to enhance –</p> <p>(a) public confidence in the transparency and impartiality of its investigation and inquiry into complaints; and</p> <p>(b) the transparency on service fees of the veterinary profession.</p>	<p>In the course of its deliberations, the Bills Committee has requested the Administration to relay its observations to VSB inviting the Board to consider measures that would further underline VSB's commitment to the protection of consumer interest. Suggestions that have been raised include making a pledge on the timeframe within which a complaint alleging a disciplinary offence would be referred to the Preliminary Investigation Committee; and providing an indicative schedule of fees and charges on general veterinary services for reference by the public, in the interest of transparency.</p> <p>The Administration has relayed the observations of the Bills Committee to VSB. VSB would consider the above issues and decide how best to take these suggestions forward before the Administration reports back to the legislature in due course.</p>

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