## Child Abduction Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2013 Debate and voting arrangements

(Summary version)

First debate: Clauses with no amendment – Clauses 1, 2, 7, 8 and 10 to 17

**Voting:** To vote on the above clauses together

**Second debate:** Clauses with amendments proposed by the Administration – Clauses 3 to 6, 9 and 18

Joint debate on the original clauses and the amendments thereto. The amendments mainly seek to introduce a three-part structure of the Child Abduction and Custody Ordinance ('CACO') to clearly differentiate provisions relating to cases of the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction ('Hague Convention') from those that do not concern the operation of the Hague Convention, and to propose technical amendments to the relevant clauses.

**Voting:** To vote on the above amendments together

**Third debate:** New clauses proposed by the Administration – New clauses 3A, 4A, 4B, 4C, 8A and 9A

Joint debate on the new clauses. The new clauses seek to introduce a three-part structure of CACO by adding in Part 3 new section 22 (Court of First Instance or District Court may make order prohibiting removal of child out of Hong Kong without consent), section 23 (Notification of prohibition orders), section 24 (Authorized officer may detain child being removed out of Hong Kong in breach of prohibition order) and section 25 (Rules of court for giving effect to Part 3), and to add a new clause in Part 2 to empower the Rules Committee constituted under the High Court Ordinance to make rules of court for implementing CACO.

**Voting:** To vote on the above new clauses together

## Secretary for Labour and Welfare's amendment

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