

Bills Committee on Patents (Amendment) Bill 2015

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 22 December 2015**

1. The Administration was requested to provide written responses to the deputations' written submissions received and views expressed at the meeting.
2. In relation to a member's concern on the comments made in the Law Society of Hong Kong's submission regarding the groundless threats of infringement proceedings (LC Paper No. CB(1)347/15-16(02)), the Administration was requested to provide a written response to such comments and a comparison of the positions on groundless threats between Hong Kong and other jurisdictions, including the United Kingdom, and advise the Bills Committee of the relevant overseas experiences.
3. In relation to a member's concern on the statistics on patent applications in selected economies provided by the Administration (LC Paper No. CB(1)334/15-16(01)) responding to the list of follow-up actions arising from discussion at the meeting on 1 December 2015, the Administration was requested to further advise the Bills Committee of:
 - (i) the patent filing statistics of Singapore before and after the setting up of the "original grant" patent ("OGP") system in 1995 (Annex A); and
 - (ii) the causes for the decrease in the total count of patent applications filed in Brunei Darussalam in 2012 (31 applications) and 2013 (35 applications) comparing to the same in previous years upon the setting up of its OGP system in 2012, and for the drastic increase in the total count of applications filed in 2014 (117 applications) (Annex B).