

Bills Committee on Fire Services (Amendment) Bill 2015

**List of follow-up actions arising from
the meeting on 29 February 2016**

The Administration was requested to -

- (a) consider members' suggestion of amending the proposed amendments to section 25 of the Fire Services Ordinance (Cap. 95) to the effect that the new subsidiary legislation for the implementation of the Registered Fire Engineer ("RFE") Scheme would be subject to the approval of the Legislative Council, i.e. the positive vetting procedure under section 35 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1); and
- (b) in respect of the licence or permit application for the operation of those prescribed premises to be covered under the proposed RFE Scheme,
 - (i) clarify whether the fire safety requirements proposed to be issued by RFEs (Risk Assessment) under the RFE Scheme covered only the licensing requirements on fire safety currently imposed by the Director of Fire Services, but not the passive fire protection elements under the licensing requirements on building safety (i.e. fire resisting construction, means of escape in case of fire and means of access for firefighting and rescue) currently imposed by the Director of Buildings; and
 - (ii) advise the current responsibilities of authorized persons (i.e. architects, engineers or surveyors registered under the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123)) on certifying the prescribed premises' compliance with the fire safety requirements in the licensing process, and whether the certification was subject to follow-up compliance inspections by the Fire Services Department for its issuance of a Fire Services Certificate upon confirmation of compliance. The latter were tasks proposed to be carried out by RFEs (Fire Service Installation) under the RFE Scheme.