Bills Committee on Fire Services (Amendment) Bill 2015

List of follow-up actions arising from the meeting on 22 February 2016

The Administration was requested to -

- (a) provide the regulatory framework for and details of the Registered Fire Engineer ("RFE") Scheme proposed to be covered in a new subsidiary legislation to be made after the passage of the Bill, including, among others, the requirements for registration as an RFE, the powers and procedures of the registration committee, and the acts or omissions that constituted a disciplinary offence on the part of an RFE;
- (b) advise whether an RFE who had committed misconduct in the provision of fire safety risk assessment and certification services under the proposed RFE Scheme would be subject to civil or criminal sanctions in addition to disciplinary actions;
- (c) provide a breakdown, by rank and salary range, of the number of staff of the Fire Services Department currently involved in the process for making fire risk assessment of buildings or premises and certifying compliance with the relevant fire safety requirements, as well as an estimate of the number of those staff who could meet the proposed requirements for registration as an RFE;
- (d) provide justifications on how the implementation of the proposed RFE Scheme could shorten the time required by the prescribed premises for obtaining the relevant licence, permit or certificate for operating the premises; and
- (e) provide a response to the concerns raised by Hon WU Chi-wai in his letter dated 22 February 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(2)935/15-16(01)).

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