

Bills Committee on Waterworks (Amendment) Bill 2017

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 19 June 2017**

The Administration was requested to provide the following information –

- (a) given that there were views at the meeting that certain types of workers such as semi-skilled plumbing workers should not be legally allowed to provide instruction and supervision to other workers, and the Administration should consider amendments, with list(s)/table(s),
 - (i) the respective total number of licensed plumbers, registered skilled plumbing workers, registered semi-skilled plumbing workers, registered plumbing workers (provisional), and registered general workers; details of the works/work that they were qualified to carry out under the Bill/relevant legislation;
 - (ii) for those groups of workers to be allowed to provide instruction and supervision under the Bill/relevant legislation, to which type(s) of workers they could provide instruction and supervision, and the kind of works/work under their instruction and supervision;
- (b) with respect to Dr Hon Helena WONG's suggestion that a new section should be added to the Bill after the proposed section 13B setting out the definition of works of a minor nature with an example of the definition (in English only) as follows:

"(a) works which can be completed without the involvement of specialized trade skill that requires specific knowledge and ability acquired through designated training for carrying out the works; and (b) works which do not change the general arrangement of the plumbing installation already approved by the Water Authority or affect the flow conditions of the plumbing system, thus causing possible supply problems",

whether the Administration would accept the suggestion; if yes, the details; if no, the reasons;

- (c) whether the Administration would accept Dr Hon Helena WONG's suggestion that a new subsection should be added after the proposed section 14(1A) in the Bill to specify a time limit on the validity of the written permission granted by the Water Authority under the proposed section 14(1); if yes, the details; if no, the reasons; and
- (d) if the Administration considered that the issue in (c) should be addressed through administrative means, the justifications and details.

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