

Bills Committee on Travel Industry Bill

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 27 October 2017**

At the meeting on 27 October 2017, the Administration was requested to provide the following information –

- (a) whether travel agents would be required under the Bill to procure travel insurance to protect outbound tour participants of one-day tours which were not covered by the protection under the Travel Industry Compensation Fund;
- (b) whether suitable provisions would be included in the Bill to specify in detail the composition of the Travel Industry Authority ("TIA") including the number of representatives of travel agents, tourist guides and tour escorts;
- (c) the mechanism and effectiveness of tackling the impact brought by the operation of inbound tour group business on the local neighbourhood through the implementation of administrative guidelines issued by TIA;
- (d) the breakdown of expenditure in the estimated budget for TIA, including staff expenses and rental expenditure, and investment income generated from the seed money;
- (e) the funding arrangement in the event of waiver of licence fees payable by travel agents to TIA so as to provide financial relief to the travel trade;
- (f) whether travel agents were allowed to charge participants of outbound tours the amount of the levy that the travel agents should pay to the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong or TIA in respect of every outbound fare received by them; and
- (g) the criteria for prosecution of unlicensed operation of travel agents under the Bill vis-à-vis the existing Travel Agents Ordinance (Cap. 218) (i.e. the judgment of *HKSAR v. CHU LAI-MING KATHY* (HCMA 355/2013)).