## **Bills Committee on Travel Industry Bill**

## List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 9 February 2018

At the meeting on 9 February 2018, the Administration was requested to provide the following information –

- (a) according to clauses 22 and 23 of the Bill, the Travel Industry Authority might require a travel agent with a valid licence immediately before the full commencement of the Bill to deposit guarantee money if the aggregated amount of financial penalties imposed on the travel agent or the frequency of the travel agent's misconduct exceeded the specified levels, the detailed arrangements in this regard, including the grace period for depositing the guarantee money;
- (b) differences between the authorized representative and the licensee of a travel agent in terms of their respective duties and liabilities in relation to a suspected criminal offence under the Bill; and
- (c) its review on the suitability and qualification requirements of authorized representatives of travel agents, in particular whether the company secretary of a travel agent would be suitable to serve as the authorized representative of that travel agent, and whether the requirement on the minimum years of management experience in the travel industry for authorized representatives of travel agents as specified in clause 1(1) in Schedule 7 of the Bill could be relaxed to facilitate persons without such experience to enter into the travel industry.

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