Bills Committee on Travel Industry Bill

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 19 March 2018

At the meeting on 19 March 2018, the Administration was requested to provide the following information –

- (a) review the drafting of clause 64 to include in the content of the register the relevant licence number and correspondence address of a licensee;
- (b) review the post title of the "Executive Director" of the Travel Industry Authority appointed under section 7(1)(a) of Schedule 9, having regard to titles of similar positions in the Insurance Authority and the Securities and Futures Commission;
- (c) the short-, medium- and long-term measures to minimize the impact of the activities of inbound tour groups on the local neighborhood. In this connection, the Administration was requested to consider the feasibility of expanding the scope of the current Refund Protection Scheme (Registered Shops) for Inbound Tour Group Shoppers implemented by the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong to address the problem caused by the shops arranged to be patronized by inbound tour groups, and incorporating a similar demerit point system on such shops in the Bill;
- (d) whether clause 85, which provided for privileges and immunities relating to an inspection or investigation, could be adduced as a defence under certain circumstances such as disclosing information and documents under clause 74 and prohibition from leaving Hong Kong under clause 79;
- (e) review the drafting of clause 77 to reflect the legislative intent that the retention of valuable property for investigation purpose could only be done in strict compliance with a court warrant; and
- (f) the enforcement and operation of clause 79 to prevent a person under investigation, in particular visitors to Hong Kong, from leaving Hong Kong.

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