

Bills Committee on Travel Industry Bill

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 20 June 2018**

At the meeting on 20 June 2018, the Administration was requested to provide the following information –

- (a) under clauses 147 and 148, if a licensed travel agent received an outbound fare in relation to an outbound tour from an outbound traveller after the commencement of the tour (including self-paid activity), the travel agent would still be required to pay levies in respect of the outbound fare so received. Against this background, the Administration was requested to elaborate how such levy arrangement would be administered by travel agents, after taking into account the actual circumstances (i.e. there would be no receipt issued for such outbound fare) and views of the travel trade;
- (b) consider announcing the appointment and acting appointment of members of the Travel Industry Authority ("TIA") by notices published in the Gazette, having regard to similar practices adopted by other public bodies such as the Insurance Authority and the Securities and Futures Commission;
- (c) the selection criteria for the appointment of the Executive Director of TIA under section 7(1)(a) in Schedule 9;
- (d) Section 10(5) in Schedule 9 provides that a meeting of TIA may be held by telephone, video conference or other electronic means ("assisted meeting"). In order to establish good practices for the conduct of assisted meetings by TIA, the Administration was requested to provide sample Standing Orders adopted by other statutory bodies governing the conduct of assisted meetings and in particular, the confidentiality arrangements, for adoption by TIA. The Administration was also requested to clarify whether in conducting an assisted meeting:
 - (i) a minimum requirement of in-person attendance was required;
 - (ii) in-person attendance by the Chairperson/Vice-chairperson was required;
 - (iii) a quorum was required throughout the whole meeting, and if so, how such requirement could be ascertained; if not, when a quorum was required; and

- (iv) TIA members participating in the meeting would be prohibited from using voice messages in WhatsApp or other similar applications.
- (e) consider specifying the period required for TIA to give proper notice to all its members about the written resolution under section 14(1)(b) in Schedule 9 so as to dovetail with the requirements under section 14(6) and (7) in Schedule 9; and
- (f) consider amending the term "merit of the case" or providing objective benchmarks for determination under section 16(d) in Schedule 9 so as to avoid unnecessary disputes in future.

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