

**Government's Response to the Matters raised
at the Meeting of Bills Committee on Travel Industry Bill
held on 16 October 2018**

Purpose

This paper sets out the Government's response to the matters raised at the meeting of the Bills Committee on Travel Industry Bill ("the Bill") held on 16 October 2018.

Content to be Stated in Register of Licences Kept by the Travel Industry Authority ("the Authority")

2. Further to the Government's proposed amendments made to clause 167 with a view to clarifying the principle of serving a notice or summons through electronic means at a Member's request (see paragraphs 6 to 9 of LC Paper No. CB(4)16/18-19(02) for details), the Assistant Legal Adviser suggested making a consequential amendment to clause 64(2)(a)(ib) of the Bill, so as to mandate that for a travel agent licence, the register of licences kept by the Authority must state the correspondence address **and electronic mail address** of the licensee.

3. We will make a consequential amendment to the aforementioned clause in accordance with the comment of the Assistant Legal Adviser.

Textual Amendment to clause 14(9)(a) of the Bill

4. The Assistant Legal Adviser suggested making a textual amendment to the English version of the Bill with reference to the Chinese version, i.e. to replace "...renewed licence..." with "...renewed travel agent license", so as to state clearly that the licence refers to the travel agent license specifically.

5. We will make a textual amendment to the aforementioned clause in accordance with the comment of the Assistant Legal Adviser.

Other Issues

6. In respect of the work insurance arrangements for tourist guide

or tour escort who is a self-employed person, we take note of Hon Luk's request and will provide the requested information during the resumption of Second Reading debate on the Bill.

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