

**Subcommittee on Waterworks (Amendment) Regulation 2017
("The Amendment Regulation")**

**Response to the Joint Submissions and Proposed Amendments by
Progressive Lawyers Group & Frontline Tech Workers Group
on 27 June 2017
(LC Paper No. CB(1)1221/16-17(04))**

We have noted the observations and recommendations in the captioned joint submission and would like to provide a collective response as below.

2. Some of the recommendations had been deliberated at the last subcommittee meeting on 27 June 2017. We will propose a resolution to address part of them and submit it to the Legislative Council for consideration in due course.

3. In regard to those remaining recommendations relating to standards for pipes and fittings, we will seek the advice of the Technical Committee on Plumbing regarding the technical aspects of plumbing materials and trade practice. We will also consult other local and overseas experts, including the Department of Health and other water quality and material experts, regarding the effect of the plumbing materials on the quality and safety of drinking water.

4. For those recommendations that we have not addressed in the Amendment Regulation, we will address them in the coming holistic review of the Waterworks Ordinance (Cap.102) and Waterworks Regulations (Cap. 102A).

**Development Bureau
29 June 2017**