

**Bills Committee on
Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources Bill**

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 16 July 2018**

The Administration was requested to provide the Bills Committee with photos of the two species of toothfish, namely Antarctic toothfish, *Dissostichus mawsoni* and Patagonian toothfish, *Dissostichus eleginoides*, protected under the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources.

2. The Administration was also requested to provide a written response to address the following issues raised by members:

- (a) a breakdown of fishing vessels which had been licensed to operate/carry out harvesting activities in the Convention Area, by countries or places in which the vessels were registered; and the number of licensed vessels (including fishing vessel, receiving vessel or transporting vessel operated in the Convention Area) carrying toothfish or other Antarctic marine living resources that had entered Hong Kong in recent years;
- (b) the government departments to be involved in the enforcement of the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources Ordinance (if the Bill is passed); and the estimated manpower resources to be required for processing licence applications, operating the Catch Documentation Scheme for toothfish, handling the testing of toothfish samples, conducting vessel inspections as well as combating illegal import and export of toothfish etc.;
- (c) how port inspections of fishing vessels carrying Antarctic marine living resources and seeking to enter Hong Kong waters would be conducted; and how to ensure that, in the event that a vessel seeking to enter Hong Kong was suspected of having had engaged in illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activities, public officers concerned would have the necessary capability to undertake frontline enforcement work, in particular, handling the testing of toothfish samples; and
- (d) the reasons for giving the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources a legal personality in Hong Kong (clause 3 of the Bill); what "necessary" means in clause 3(b) of the Bill; and the exact function(s) to be performed by that Commission for the purposes of this Ordinance (if the Bill is passed).