Bills Committee on Broadcasting and Telecommunications Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2019

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 16 April 2019

The Administration is requested to provide supplementary information/written response to the following:

Cross-media ownership restrictions

(a) the number of applications for domestic free or pay television ("TV") licence/licensee by disqualified persons that has been approved or rejected by Chief Executive in Council ("CE in C") under the Broadcasting Ordinance (Cap. 562);

Foreign control restrictions

(b) whether there is any evidence to suggest that foreign investors who participated in Hong Kong's free TV market did so largely for pure investment purposes rather than for exercising control of the licensees;

Licensing authority

(c) the justifications for maintaining the requirement for CE in C to approve applications for free or pay TV licence; and

Merging Broadcasting Ordinance (Cap. 562) and Telecommunications Ordinance (Cap. 106)

(d) a comparison between the approach of merging Cap. 562 and Cap. 106 in one exercise and the current approach of staged amendments to the two ordinances, in terms of mergers and acquisitions arrangements and consumer protection, etc.

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