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**Further Legal Service Division Report on
Fisheries Protection (Amendment) Bill 2019**

Members may recall from LC Paper No. LS30/19-20 dated 19 December 2019 and issued to Members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)430/19-20 that the Legal Service Division ("LSD") was scrutinizing the legal and drafting aspects of the Bill.

2. To recap, the Bill seeks to amend the Fisheries Protection Ordinance (Cap. 171) primarily to provide for:

- (a) the registration of local fishing vessels in respect of which there was no valid operating licence on 15 June 2012 and the issue of provisional approvals for registration to owners or former owners of fishing vessels in respect of which there was no valid operating licence on 15 June 2012; and
- (b) the issue of certificate of eligibility for registration to owners of former trawlers in respect of which there was no valid operating licence on 15 June 2012.

3. At the special House Committee meeting held on 8 May 2020, the House Committee agreed that a Bills Committee be formed to study the Bill. However, as less than three Members have signified to join the Bills Committee by the signification deadline, the Bills Committee was not formed.

4. LSD has completed the scrutiny of the legal and drafting aspects of the Bill. No difficulties relating to the legal and drafting aspects of the Bill have been identified.

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