Bills Committee on Immigration (Amendment) Bill 2020

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 5 February 2021

The Bills Committee requested the Administration to provide the following information:

- (a) details in respect of the proposed amendments to the Firearms and Ammunition Ordinance (Cap. 238) and the Weapons Ordinance (Cap. 217) to designate the Immigration Service as one of the classes of persons who may possess arms, ammunition and weapons, including the historical factors, existing challenges encountered by Immigration officers deployed at the Castle Peak Bay Immigration Centre as well as rationale and justifications for the proposed amendments;
- (b) factors which have been considered in relation to the detention of non-refoulement claimants and response to members' views in this regard;
- (c) written response to various issues raised in the submissions received from deputations/individuals on the Immigration (Amendment) Bill 2020 ("the Bill"); and
- (d) the major differences between the amendment proposals in the Bill and the proposed legislative amendments previously discussed at various meetings of the Panel on Security and the Subcommittee to Follow Up Issues Relating to the Unified Screening Mechanism for Non-refoulement Claims formed under the House Committee.

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