

**Bills Committee on Registration of Titles and Land
(Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2025**

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 19 May 2025**

The Administration was requested to provide the following information:

- (a) regarding the proposed amendment to the definition of “trustee” in the Land Titles Ordinance (Cap. 585) (“LTO”) under clause 3 of the Bill, please consider revising the proposed formulation to provide greater clarity to the types of trustees covered;
- (b) after the implementation of the “New Land First” proposal, whether the Title Register will contain information on short term tenancies granted by the Government for public inspection, or how the public may access information on new land granted by the Government by way of short term tenancies;
- (c) whether the existing land register contains information on borrowers (if applicable) of registered charges, and whether the Title Register will include information on borrowers (if applicable) of charges registered under LTO in the future;
- (d) members have noted that under the existing deeds registration system, when a charge that involves more than one property is registered in the land register of one of the properties, the Land Registry will add the remark “PT” to the information on the charge, indicating that the charge is also related to other properties in addition to the said property. Whether the same approach will be adopted in the Title Register in the future; if not, the reasons for that;
- (e) pursuant to the proposed revised section 8 (functions and powers of the Land Registrar (“Registrar”)) of LTO under clause 7 of the Bill, the Registrar may, in a number of situations, refuse to accept (or process further) an application lodged under LTO, or refuse such an application (proposed revised section 8(2)(d)), or refuse to register a matter (proposed revised section 8(2)(e)). Members are particularly concerned that as the situations referred to in the proposed new section 8(2)(d)(vii) and the proposed revised section 8(2)(e) are extensive in scope and nonspecific, members of the public may cast doubt on the certainty of registration of property transactions under the title registration system in the future. Please address members’ concerns;

- (f) regarding the proposed amendment to section 8 (functions and powers of Registrar) of LTO under clause 7 of the Bill, please provide examples on the situations in which the Registrar may require a person to verify, on oath or by statutory declaration, any document, information or explanation that relates to a registered interest or an application lodged under LTO and, for that purpose, administer the oath or take the declaration; and
- (g) regarding the proposed addition of section 8A (Registrar may designate and amend lot numbers) to LTO under clause 8 of the Bill, please explain, if the Registrar decides to amend a lot number, what administrative procedures are in place for the Land Registry to notify the owner of the lot of land or other related persons of such amendment.

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