

LegCo Panel on Financial Affairs

List of follow-up actions arising from discussions in current and previous sessions
(Position as at 4 December 2003)

Subject	Date(s) of relevant meeting(s)	Follow-up actions	Outcome
1. Reinsurance cover for employee compensation insurance policies	20 December 2001	The Administration was requested to provide written reports, on a quarterly basis, on the up-to-date market situation of reinsurance coverage for terrorist activities on treaty arrangements and the Administration's assessment of the continued need for the \$10 billion facility as approved by Finance Committee on 11 January 2002.	The seventh quarterly report provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2540/02-03(01) on 3 October 2003.
2. Boundary facilities improvement tax (BFIT)	19 February 2003	The Administration was requested to provide the following information: (a) Similar taxes levied by other jurisdictions; and (b) Details of the Automatic Vehicle Recognition System for collection of BFIT and comparing the cost-effectiveness against installing a new charging regime.	The Administration's reply to item (b) was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1446/02-03 on 15 April 2003. The Administration's interim reply to item (a) was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)246/03-04(01) (English version) and LC Paper No.

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			CB(1)261/03-04 (Chinese version) on 4 and 5 November 2003 respectively.
3. Loan Guarantee Scheme for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Impacted Industries	Referred by the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 25 April 2003	The Administration undertook to report the operation of the Scheme to the Panel one year after its implementation, and to submit progress report at six month intervals thereafter.	The Scheme commenced in May 2003. The Administration's response awaited.
4. Briefing on the work of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA)	6 November 2003	<p>HKMA was requested to take the following actions:</p> <p>(a) <u>HKMA's new accommodation in Two International Finance Centre</u></p> <p>To provide information on the disposal of surplus office space in HKMA's new accommodation, including the list of organizations which have rented the office space from HKMA and the details of rentals involved.</p> <p>(b) <u>Debt papers held by authorized institutions (AIs)</u></p> <p>To provide information on the analysis conducted by HKMA on the holding of debt papers by AIs, including charts showing the changes in recent years, information about when</p>	HKMA's reply was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)433/03-04(01) on 26 November 2003.

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		<p>HKMA commenced the analysis and the follow-up actions taken.</p> <p>(c) <u>Insurance and securities business of AIs</u></p> <p>(i) To provide a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between HKMA and the Insurance Authority on 19 September 2003; and</p> <p>(ii) To provide information on the number and outcome of inspections conducted by HKMA on AIs' securities business since the commencement of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) on 1 April 2003.</p>	
5. Hong Kong Harbour Fest	15 November 2003	The Administration was requested to respond to questions raised by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming (LC Paper No. CB(1)337/03-04(01)) relating to the Hong Kong Harbour Fest.	The Administration's reply was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)422/03-04(01) on 25 November 2003.

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