

**Business Facilitation Advisory Committee
Task Force on Business Liaison Groups**

An Update of the Progress of Business Liaison Groups

Purpose

This paper provides an update of the overall work progress of the ten Business Liaison Groups (BLGs) since the last meeting of the Task Force on Business Liaison Groups (BLGTF) held on 28 December 2023.

Progress

2. From 15 December 2023 to 10 April 2024, we have conducted two BLG meetings, proactively liaised with the trade of ten BLGs and have arranged eight information dissemination sessions on new business facilitation measures for the food business by the relevant department. Besides, the Secretariat continues to use various channels including an online form for the trade to share their views on licensing application and regulatory regime, and the uploading of summaries on the views collected and the Government responses onto the [Business Facilitation Initiatives website](#) on a regular basis.

3. During the above period, a total of 12 issues raised by trades were satisfactorily resolved or clarified. Of which, the Secretariat has presented two salient examples in the 36th meeting of the BLGTF. A breakdown of these figures by the BLGs is shown at *Appendix*.

4. In the 36th meeting of the BLGTF, the Secretariat has arranged relevant government representatives to conduct briefings on proposed implementation details of the Registered Fire Engineer Scheme, e-services on licensing and certification of Fire Services Department and the Digital Corporate Identity (CorpID) Platform to be launched by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer. These new facilitation measures benefit all the BLG trades. BLGTF Papers 148 to 150 set out details of these initiatives respectively.

5. The Secretariat will provide advance notice to members once the schedule for future BLG meetings is available so that members can attend the BLG meetings as observers.

Way Forward

6. Members are invited to note the content of this paper and offer comments, if any.

Secretariat of the Task Force on Business Liaison Groups
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Appendix

A Breakdown of the Work of the Ten Business Liaison Groups (BLGs) from 15 December 2023 to 10 April 2024

BLG	No. of Meetings	No. of Proactive Liaison with Trade	No. of Issues Resolved/Clarified	No. of Information Dissemination Sessions	No. of Consultation Sessions
Food business (restaurant)	1	1	6	4	-
Food business (non-restaurant)	1	1	2	4	-
Billiard establishments, public bowling-alleys and public skating rinks	-	1	-	-	-
Cinemas	-	1	4	-	-
Theme parks and attractions	-	1	-	-	-
Family amusement centres	-	1	-	-	-
Hotels	-	1	-	-	-
Recreational clubs	-	1	-	-	-
Karaoke establishments, night clubs, bars and other entertainment clubs	-	1	-	-	-
Guesthouses, holiday camps and holiday flats	-	1	-	-	-
Total:	2	10	12	8	-