

**Business Facilitation Advisory Committee  
Task Force on Business Liaison Groups (BLGTF)**

*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 Task Force meeting.

**Progress**

2. From 1 January to 31 December 2015, 19 BLG meetings were held and a total of 103 issues were satisfactorily resolved or clarified. At these meetings, 23 information dissemination sessions on new business facilitation measures/new regulations/existing regulatory requirements and one consultation session on proposed new regulation/legislation were conducted by the departments concerned. A breakdown of these figures by the BLGs is shown at *Appendix*. Four typical cases satisfactorily dealt with by relevant BLGs are set out in BLGTF Papers 64 to 67.

3. The objectives of setting up BLGs are to foster communication between the Government and the relevant trades and help resolve regulatory and licensing matters at the operational level. In the light of their operational experience and to better focus their efforts on implementation issues of business regulations, we plan to fine-tune the terms of reference for BLGs as follows (with the change highlighted in **bold**) with effect from 1 February 2016 –

- to enhance communication between the trade and the stakeholding B/Ds to exchange views on licensing and regulatory matters **at the operational level**;
- to solicit trade's views on the licensing regime so as to identify possible improvement opportunities; and
- to serve as a platform to brief the trade about the related regulatory requirements and business compliance facilitation measures, and consult the trade on regulatory proposals.

4. The Secretariat will continue to provide advance notice to members once the meeting schedule for the future BLG meetings is available.

## **Way Forward**

5. 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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**A breakdown of the work of the ten Business Liaison Groups from 1 January to 31 December 2015**

<b>BLG</b>	<b>No. of meetings</b>	<b>No. of issues resolved / clarified</b>	<b>No. of information dissemination sessions</b>	<b>No. of consultation sessions</b>
<b>Food business (restaurant)</b>	2	8	4	0
<b>Food business (non-restaurant)</b>	2	10	2	0
<b>Billiard establishments, public bowling-alleys and public skating rinks</b>	2	8	2	0
<b>Cinemas</b>	2	14	0	0
<b>Theme parks and attractions</b>	2	6	4	0
<b>Family amusement centres</b>	1	10	0	0
<b>Hotels</b>	2	12	4	0
<b>Recreational clubs</b>	2	12	3	0
<b>Karaoke establishments, night clubs, bars and other entertainment clubs</b>	2	10	2	1
<b>Guesthouses, holiday camps and holiday flats</b>	2	13	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>