

**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 22 August 2023.

Progress

2. From 16 August to 14 December 2023, we have conducted 11 BLG meetings and proactively liaised with the trade of seven BLGs. A total of three issues were satisfactorily resolved or clarified and 14 information dissemination sessions on new regulatory requirements and e-services for licence applications etc. were conducted by the relevant departments as arranged by the Secretariat. A breakdown of these figures by the BLGs is shown at *Appendix*. BLGTF Papers 144 to 146 set out details of the Digital Transformation Support Pilot Programme, new regulatory requirements related to the regulation of disposable plastic tableware and other plastic products, and the details and facilitation measures under the Enhanced Supplementary Labour Scheme, which are relevant to all the trades related to the BLGs.

3. To enhance communication with the trade, the Secretariat continues the provision of 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. Salient examples are presented in the 35th meeting of the BLGTF.

4. 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

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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Appendix

A Breakdown of the Work of the Ten Business Liaison Groups (BLGs) from 16 August to 14 December 2023

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	-	1	-
Food business (non-restaurant)	1	1	1	1	-
Billiard establishments, public bowling-alleys and public skating rinks	1	-	-	1	-
Cinemas	1	1	-	1	-
Theme parks and attractions	1	1	-	1	-
Family amusement centres	1	-	-	1	-
Hotels	1	1	1	1	-
Recreational clubs	2	-	1	5	-
Karaoke establishments, night clubs, bars and other entertainment clubs	1	1	-	1	-
Guesthouses, holiday camps and holiday flats	1	1	-	1	-
Total:	11	7	3	14	-