

Report of the Special Committee on Competition Law

The Special Committee on Competition Law has focused its task in the year 2014/15 on the preparations for the coming into operation of the Competition Ordinance (Cap 619) and the Competition Tribunal.

There were three consultations of the stakeholders in 2014/15. The Competition Commission held a public engagement exercise on the content and approach of the guidelines it would adopt under the Competition Ordinance in the summer of 2014. This was followed by a consultation exercise commencing on 9 October 2014 on six draft guidelines, namely on the first conduct rule, the second conduct rule, the merger rules, complaints, investigations, and applications for exemptions. The Competition Tribunal consulted on draft legislation and rules of court on its powers and procedure, as well as on directions regulating practice before it. The Special Committee produced submissions for the endorsement of the Bar Council.

Membership of the Special Committee expanded this year. The new members have all studied competition law abroad. The challenging task in the next years is to put the knowledge from the books into experience in the works.

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