

Part B Consultation Questions

Please indicate your preference by checking the appropriate boxes. Please reply to the questions below on the proposed change discussed in the Consultation Paper downloadable from the HKEx website at: <http://www.hkex.com.hk/eng/newsconsul/mktconsul/Documents/cp201209q.doc>.

Where there is insufficient space provided for your comments, please attach additional pages.

1. Do you agree that the Exchange should promote board diversity?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

Promotion of Board diversity is well supported by the statistics provided by HKEx and international best practice.

2. If your answer to Q.1 is “yes”, do you agree that our Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report is the appropriate place for the new measures on board diversity?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

The Corporate Governance Code and Report is the right place for measures in this regard. This is also in line with international practice.

3. Do you agree with our proposal to introduce CP A.5.6 (*the nomination committee or the board should have a policy concerning diversity of board members, and should disclose the policy or a summary of the policy in the corporate governance report*)? Please give reasons for your views.

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

Diversity is an important factor for the Board and the Nomination Committee to consider when discussing Board appointments. It is worthwhile to have a policy in place and to disclose it. This requirement is also in line with international practice.

4. Do you agree (i) with our proposal to introduce a note under CP A.5.6 to clarify what we mean by diversity; and (ii) with the content of the note? Please give reasons for your views.

(i)

Yes

No

(ii)

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

It is good that each issuer can have the flexibility to define and achieve the Board diversity that fit it best.

5. Do you agree with our proposal to introduce a new mandatory disclosure provision in the Code stating that if the issuer has a policy concerning diversity, it should disclose details of the board's policy or a summary of the policy on board diversity, including any measurable objectives that it has set for implementing the policy, and progress on achieving the objectives? Please give reasons for your views.

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

It is in line with a Code Provision in the UK Corporate Governance Code.

6. Which of the following would you prefer as the implementation date of the amendments set out in this paper?

- 1 January 2013
- 1 April 2013
- 1 June 2013
- 1 September 2013
- Other, please specify and give reasons.

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