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**Legislative Council  
Bills Committee on Karaoke Establishments Bill**

**Minutes of tenth meeting  
held on Thursday, 15 November 2001 at 10:45 am  
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

**Members Present** : Hon James TO Kun-sun (Chairman)  
Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP  
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP  
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP  
Hon Howard YOUNG, JP  
Hon LAU Kong-wah  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP  
Hon LAU Ping-cheung  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

**Member Absent** : Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung

**Public Officers Attending** : Security Bureau  
  
Mr S W HUI  
Principal Assistant Secretary for Security  
  
Mr Damian CHAN  
Assistant Secretary for Security  
  
Fire Services Department  
  
Mr C C LEE  
Chief Fire Officer/Fire Safety

Mr NG Bong-loy  
Senior Divisional Officer/Commercial Buildings and  
Premises

Buildings Department

Mr MO Kim-ming  
Assistant Director/New Buildings (1)

Mr YIP So  
Acting Chief Building Surveyor/Legal

Home Affairs Department

Mr TANG Hung-ki  
Chief Officer (Licensing Authority)

Mr YICK Tze-kai  
Senior Building Surveyor (Licensing Authority) 1

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Ms Winnie SO  
Assistant Director (Headquarters)

Mr WONG Siu-wing  
Senior Superintendent (Licensing)

Hong Kong Police Force

Mr WONG Che-kwong, Roger  
Superintendent (Licensing)

Mrs Grace LEUNG  
Chief Inspector (Licensing)

Department of Justice

Mr J D SCOTT  
Senior Assistant Law Draftsman

Ms Francoise LAM  
Government Counsel

**By invitation :** Karaoke Requirements Concern Group

Dr KWAN Lim-ho  
Solicitor

Mr Anthony LOCK  
Director of California Red Ltd.

Professor D D Drysdale  
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering  
The University of Edinburgh

Mr Kent KAM  
Director  
Northcroft Hong Kong Ltd.  
Chartered Quantity Surveyors  
Construction Cost Consultant

Mr Raymond CHAN  
Chartered Building Surveyor

**Clerk in Attendance :** Mrs Percy MA  
Chief Assistant Secretary (2)3

**Staff in Attendance :** Miss Connie FUNG  
Assistant Legal Adviser 3

Miss Yvonne YU  
Senior Assistant Secretary (2)7

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**I. Meeting with Karaoke Requirements Concern Group and the Administration**

(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)2358/00-01(01), CB(2)376/01-02(01)-(02) and CB(2)1204/00-01(01))

The Committee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex A**).

2. Assistant Director/New Buildings (1) advised members that at a meeting with representatives of the Karaoke Requirements Concern Group (Concern Group) on 9 November 2001, the Concern Group had requested the Administration to consider the following requests -

- (a) to tolerate corridor width of less than 1.2m, if the reduced corridor width was not less than 1.05m as a result of installation of fire resistance partition wall;
- (b) to consider alternative options in resolving the dead-end problem, if an existing karaoke establishment had genuine difficulty in providing an access panel giving access to the adjacent room; and
- (c) to further extend the 36 months' grace period for upgrading works to install partition wall having a fire resistance period of one hour in corridors.

The Administration agreed to revert to the Bills Committee on its position on the requests of the Concern Group in two to three weeks' time.

## **II. Date of next meeting**

3. As the Administration had yet to reply to the outstanding issues raised by the Bills Committee at its meetings on 18 May, 9 and 22 October 2001, members agreed that the next meeting scheduled for 16 November 2001 be cancelled. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 29 November 2001.

4. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:55 pm.

Legislative Council Secretariat  
17 December 2001

**Proceedings of the meeting of the Bills Committee on  
Karaoke Establishments Bill  
on Thursday, 15 November 2001 at 10:45 am  
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Subject(s)</b>	<b>Action required</b>
000001-000500	Chairman	Introductory remarks	
000501-0005120	Dr KWAN Lim-ho	- ditto -	
000521-000615	Chairman	- ditto -	
000616-000638	Dr KWAN Lim-ho	- ditto -	
000639-000647	Chairman	- ditto -	
000648-002610	Prof D D Drysdale	Comments on the Regulatory Impact Assessment Report on Licensing Control of Karaoke Establishments (RIA report) (Appendix IV to LC Paper No. CB(2)2358/00-01(01))	
002611-002636	Dr KWAN Lim-ho	Three reports prepared by Northcroft Hong Kong Ltd. on estimated cost for alteration works in karaoke establishments (Appendices I - III to LC Paper No. CB(2)2358/001-01(01))	
002637-002845	Mr Kent KAM	- ditto -	
002846-002918	Dr KWAN Lim-ho	- ditto -	
002919-003254	Mr Anthony LOCK	- ditto -	
003255-003350	Dr KWAN Lim-ho	Professor W K CHOW's articles and submissions on the Bill	
003351-003537	Chairman	- ditto -	
003538-003610	Mr Howard YOUNG	Role of sprinkler system	
003611-003738	Prof D D Drysdale	- ditto -	
003739-003819	Mr Howard YOUNG	Fire safety problem of karaoke establishments	
003820-003908	Prof D D Drysdale	- ditto -	
003909-003952	Mr Howard YOUNG	Importance of width of corridor in fire safety	
003953-004116	Prof D D Drysdale	- ditto -	
004117-004155	Mr Howard YOUNG	Estimated cost for alteration works in karaoke establishments	
004156-004243	Prof D D Drysdale	- ditto -	

004244-004807	Ms Audrey EU	Regular renovation programme of karaoke establishments; Estimated cost for alteration works of an entertainment room; Extra cost to be borne by consumers; and Corridor walled by one-hour fire resistance partitions	
004808-004825	Dr KWAN Lim-ho	- ditto -	
004826-005122	Prof D D Drysdale	Corridor walled by one-hour fire resistance partitions	
005123-005212	Chairman	-ditto -	
005213-005324	Prof D D Drysdale/ Chairman	- ditto -	
005325-005536	Mr Kent KAM	- ditto -; and Estimated cost for alteration works of an entertainment room	
005537-005544	Ms Audrey EU	Estimated cost for alteration works of an entertainment room	
005545-005551	Mr Kent KAM	- ditto -	
005552-005605	Mr Howard YOUNG	- ditto -	
005606-005616	Mr Kent KAM	- ditto -	
005617-005627	Mr Howard YOUNG	- ditto -	
005628-005714	Mr Kent KAM	- ditto -	
005715-005725	Ms Audrey EU	- ditto -	
005726-005752	Mr Kent KAM	- ditto -	
005753-005809	Ms Audrey EU/ Mr Kent KAM	- ditto -	
005810-005829	Chairman	- ditto -	
005830-005839	Mr Kent KAM	- ditto -	
005840-010230	Mr Anthony LOCK	Regular renovation works at karaoke establishments; Estimated cost for alteration works of an entertainment room; and Extra cost to be borne by consumers	
010231-010324	Ms Audrey EU	Estimated cost for alteration works of an entertainment room; and Feasibility of carrying out alteration works as part of the regular renovation programme	
010325-010435	Mr Anthony LOCK	Dead-end situation	
010436-010444	Chairman	- ditto -	
010445-010510	Mr Anthony LOCK	- ditto -	

010511-011102	Mr Tommy CHEUNG	Estimated cost for alteration works of an entertainment room; Extra money to be borne by consumers ; and Event tree analysis of karaoke fires in RIA report (LC Paper No. CB(2)1204/00-01(01))	
011103-011111	Dr KWAN Lim-ho/ Chairman	- ditto -	
011112-011254	Prof D D Drysdale	Event tree analysis of karaoke fires in RIA report	
011255-011358	Chairman	- ditto -	
011359-011303	Prof D D Drysdale	- ditto -	
011304-011337	Mr Tommy CHEUNG	- ditto -	
011338-011502	Prof D D Drysdale	- ditto -	
011503-011541	Chairman	- ditto -	
011543-011631	Prof D D Drysdale	- ditto -	
011632-011707	Mr Anthony LOCK	Feasibility of carrying out alteration works as part of the regular renovation programme	
011708-011737	Chairman	- ditto -	
011738-011754	Mr Anthony LOCK/ Chairman	- ditto -	
011755-011816	Mr Anthony LOCK	- ditto -	
011817-011825	Chairman	- ditto -	
011826-012125	Mr Anthony LOCK	- ditto -; and Extra cost to be borne by customers	
012126-012154	Mr Tommy CHEUNG	- ditto -	
012155-012159	Mr Anthony LOCK	- ditto -	
012200-012216	Chairman/ Mr Tommy CHEUNG	- ditto -	
012217-012227	Mr Tommy CHEUNG	- ditto -	
012228-012237	Mr Anthony LOCK	- ditto -	
012238-012323	Mr Kent KAM	Estimated cost of alteration works in karaoke establishments	
012324-012421	Mr Tommy CHEUNG	Estimated cost of solving dead-end situation and widening corridor to minimum width of 1.2m	
012422-012432	Mr Kent KAM	- ditto -	
012433-012451	Mr Tommy CHEUNG	- ditto -	
012452-012501	Mr Kent KAM	- ditto -	
012502-012554	Mr Tommy CHEUNG	- ditto -	

012555-012610	Chairman/ Mr Kent KAM/ Mr Tommy CHEUNG	- ditto -	
012611-012633	Mr Kent KAM	- ditto -	
012634-012700	Mr Tommy CHEUNG	Estimated cost of alteration works in karaoke establishments	
012701-012712	Mr Kent KAM	- ditto -	
012713-012802	Mr Anthony LOCK	Dead-end situation	
012803-012826	Chairman	- ditto -	
012827-012840	Mr Anthony LOCK	- ditto -	
012841-012914	Chairman	- ditto -	
012915-012928	Mr Anthony LOCK	- ditto -	
012929-013002	Chairman	- ditto -	
013003-013116	Mr LAU Kong-wah	Corridor walled by one-hour fire resistance partitions	
013117-013354	Mr Kent KAM	- ditto -	
013355-013452	Chairman	- ditto -	
013453-013507	Mr Kent KAM/ Mr Andrew WONG/ Chairman	- ditto -	
013508-013556	Mr Kent KAM	- ditto -	
013557-013737	Mr Raymond CHAN	-ditto -; Dead-end situation; Minimum width of corridor	
013738-013801	Mr LAU Kong-wah	- ditto -	
013802-014209	Adm	- ditto -	
014210-014213	Chairman	- ditto -	
014214-014422	Adm	- ditto - Requests of the Karaoke Requirements Concern Group made to the Administration on 9 November 2001	√
014423-014506	Mr LAU Kong-wah	-ditto-	
014507-014858	Adm	-ditto-	
014859-014917	Mr LAU Kong-wah/ Adm	-ditto-	
014918-015030	Dr David CHU	Corridor walled by one-hour fire resistance partitions	
015031-015238	Chairman	- ditto -	
015239-015443	Prof D D Drysdale	- ditto -	
015444-015511	Chairman	- ditto -	



015512-015553	Prof D D Drysdale	- ditto -	
015554-015619	Chairman	- ditto -	
015620-015714	Mr Tommy CHEUNG/ Chairman	Date of next meeting	
015715-015722	Mr LAU Kong-wah	- ditto -	
015723-020015	Chairman	- ditto -	

**Note : The audio records of the above proceedings are kept at the LegCo Library**

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