

**Information requested by the Bills Committee
at its meeting on 10 June 2002 regarding
the Karaoke Establishments Bill**

The information requested by the Bills Committee is set out in the following paragraphs-

- (1) To amend the new clause 7(4) proposed in the draft CSAs to the effect that the “substitute person” was also required to meet the requirements under clause 5(3)(a)(iii);**

We have no objection to the proposal and will revise the new clause 7(4) accordingly.

- (2) To consider Mr Tommy CHEUNG’s suggestion of amending the proposed clause 10(ia) to the effect that an offence a person was convicted under this Bill or regulation made under clause 20 would not affect the karaoke establishment (KE) for which the person was the authorized person, unless the said offence related to this KE.**

Clauses 10(ii) and (ia) are included to enable the licensing authority to take appropriate action under clause 10 (a) to (d) of the Bill on ground of conviction of an offence under the Bill or any regulation made under clause 20 by the grantee, licensee or authorized representative (where the grantee or licensee is a body corporate or partnership). The offence referred therein must be relevant, i.e. one that has been committed in relation to the operation of the KE in question.

We are of the view that clause 10(ia) already reflects this policy intent and it should remain as presently drafted. However, to allay Members’ concern, we will so explain on resumption of the Second Reading debate.