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**Bills Committee on Medical and Health Care  
(Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2001**

**Minutes of the first meeting  
held on Tuesday, 26 February 2002 at 8:30 am  
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

**Members Present** : Dr Hon LO Wing-lok (Chairman)  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP  
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP  
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP  
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung

**Member Absent** : Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP

**Public Officers Attending** : Miss Angela LUK  
Principal Assistant Secretary for Health and Welfare

Mr Peter KWOK  
Assistant Secretary for Health and Welfare

Dr Constance CHAN  
Assistant Director of Health

Mr Raymond CHIU  
Head, Boards & Councils

Mr Allen LAI  
Senior Government Counsel, Department of Justice

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**Clerk in Attendance** : Ms Doris CHAN  
Chief Assistant Secretary (2) 4

**Staff in Attendance** : Mr LEE Yu-sung  
Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 1  
  
Miss Mary SO  
Senior Assistant Secretary (2) 8

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**I. Election of chairman**

Dr LO Wing-lok was elected chairman of the Bills Committee.

**II. Meeting with the Administration**

2. The Bills Committee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at the **Annex**).
3. At the request of the Bills Committee, the Administration undertook to provide information on the number of attempts allowed by the various health care professional bodies for people sitting their Licensing Examinations.

**III. Date of next meeting**

4. Members agreed to hold the next meeting on 15 March 2002 at 8:30 am to meet deputations and to continue discussion on the Bill.
5. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:14 am.

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**Proceedings of the first meeting of the  
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<b>Time</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Subject(s)</b>	<b>Action required</b>
0000-0009	Mr CHAN Kwok-keung	Election of chairman	
0010-0024	Dr LO Wing-lok	Ditto	
0025-0034	Mr CHAN Kwok-keung	Ditto	
0035-0244	Chairman	Welcoming remarks	
0245-0738	Admin	Briefed members on the Bill	
0739-0825	Chairman	Whether the relevant professional bodies should be invited to give views on the Bill	
0826-0839	Mr CHAN Kwok-keung	Expressed support for the Chairman's suggestion	
0840-0951	Chairman	Date of next meeting	
0952-0956	Admin	Ditto	
0957-1022	Mr CHAN Kwok-keung	Amendment of section 4A(3) of the Dentists Registration Ordinance	
1023-1126	Admin	Ditto	
1127-1207	Mr CHAN Kwok-keung	Ditto	
1208-1213	Chairman	Ditto	
1214-1434	Admin	Practice adopted by the Dental Council of Hong Kong (DCHK) in handling people who had sat any part of the Licensing Examination and consecutively failed numerous times in it	
1435-1447	Chairman	Effect of the proposed amendment to section 4A(3) of the Dentists Registration Ordinance	
1448-1514	Admin	Ditto	
1515-1653	Mr CHAN Kwok-keung	Maintained his view that people should be allowed to sit any part of the Licensing Examination of DCHK no matter how many times they had failed in it	
1654-1835	Dr TANG Siu-tong	Shared Mr CHAN Kwok-keung's view	
1836-1849	Admin	Reiterated the reason for introducing the proposed amendment	

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1850-1945	Mr CHAN Kwok-keung	Suggestion to invite views from people who had sat for the Licensing Examination of DCHK and failed in it	
1946-1949	Admin	Ditto	
1950-2027	Mr CHAN Kwok-keung	Ditto	
2028-2047	Chairman	Ditto	
2048-2124	Mr CHAN Kwok-keung	Ditto	
2125-2133	Chairman	Ditto	
2134-2156	SALA1	Ditto	
2157-2201	Chairman	Ditto	
2202-2225	Admin	Ditto	
2226-2537	Mr Michael MAK	Supported the proposed amendment, and enquired whether there was similar provision for the Licensing Examinations of non-health care professions such as lawyers	
2538-2612	Admin	Response to Mr Michael MAK's enquiry	
2613-2623	Chairman	Requested the Administration to provide information on the number of attempts allowed by the various health care professional bodies for people sitting their Licensing Examinations	✓ (Admin to provide a response)
2624-2650	Miss CHAN Yuen-han	Implications of the proposed amendment	
2651-2759	Admin	Clarification of the above	
2800-2831	Dr TANG Siu-tong	Reiterated his view that people should be allowed to sit any part of the Licensing Examination of DCHK no matter how many times they had failed in it, having regard to the fact that they already held dental qualification acquired overseas and could take refresher courses to better prepare themselves for another attempt at the examination	
2832-2931	Admin	Believed that DCHK would exercise its discretion to prohibit a person from sitting its Licensing Examination in a reasonable manner	
2932-3038	Miss CHAN Yuen-han	Suggested to place advertisement in newspapers to invite public views on the Bill	

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3039-3118	Clerk	Undertook to place an advertisement in a newspaper and on the Internet to invite public views on the Bill, as well as writing to the relevant professional bodies for the same purpose	✓
3119-3452	Mr Eric LI	Pointed out that the Hong Kong Society of Accountants also set down the number of attempts allowed for people sitting its Licensing Examination	
3453-3544	Dr TANG Siu-tong	Reiterated his views on the proposed amendment	
3545-3618	Chairman	Amendment to the Nurses Registration Ordinance	
3619-3634	Admin	Ditto	
3635-3640	Chairman	Amendment to the Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Maternity Homes Registration Ordinance	
3641-3656	Admin	Ditto	
3657-3722	Chairman	Ditto	
3723-3802	Admin	Ditto	
3803-3813	Chairman	Suggested to proceed to clause-by-clause examination of the Bill	
3814-3832	SALA1	Considered it better to listen to public views on the Bill before proceeding to clause-by-clause examination of the Bill	
3849-3953	Mr Michael MAK	Apart from the Nursing Council of Hong Kong, views on the Bill should also be sought from other local nursing associations	
3954-4013	Mr Eric LI	Declared interest that he was the Honorary Auditor of Hong Kong Dental Association	
4014-4025	Chairman	Closing remarks	

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

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