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By Fax (2509 9055)

8 March 2002

Ms Doris Chan
Clerk to Bills Committee
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Hong Kong

Dear Ms Chan,

**Bills Committee on Medical and Health Care (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2001
Meeting on 15 March 2002**

Thank you very much for your letter of 27 February 2002.

On behalf of Dr Jeffrey Tsang, MBE, Chairman of the Dental Council, I write to inform you that the Chairman will be attending the meeting of the Bills Committee on 15 March 2002. Please find enclosed a completed reply slip in this regard. There may be one or two other Members of the Dental Council accompanying the Chairman to the meeting, I will let you have their names once available.

As regards the possibility of arranging for candidates who have failed any one part of the Licensing Examination several times to give their views at the meeting, I regret to inform you that there are practical difficulties in making such an arrangement. The reason being that the Dental Council did not maintain any name list of candidates who failed one part of the exam several times and it will take considerable time to compile such a list. Besides, the correspondence addresses recorded in those past candidates' files may no longer be valid and we may not be able to contact the candidates now with those addresses. Since a significant number of our candidates are not local residents, it is doubtful whether they are willing to fly to Hong Kong for the meeting. We note that the Bills Committee has already invited submissions on the Bill from the public or potential candidates through placing an advertisement in the Ming Pao Daily News and on the Legislative Council Web-site, and avenues have therefore been made available for interested candidates to express their views.

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Daisy Wong)
Secretary, The Dental Council of Hong Kong

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