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**Paper for the House Committee meeting  
on 19 January 2001**

**Report of the Subcommittee on Proposed Resolution  
under Section 29 of the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance**

**Purpose**

This paper reports on the deliberations of the Subcommittee on Proposed Resolution under section 29 of the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance.

**The Proposed Resolution**

2. At its meeting on 5 January 2001, the House Committee considered a motion to be moved by the Secretary for Health and Welfare at the Council meeting on 10 January 2001 to revise the fees payable for examination, registration and certification of pharmacists with effect from 12 January 2001. Members agreed to form a Subcommittee to examine the proposed revision. The Secretary for Health and Welfare withdrew his notice of the motion at the request of the House Committee.

**The Subcommittee**

3. Under the chairmanship of Hon CHAN Kam-lam, the Subcommittee met the Administration on 16 January 2001. The membership list of the Subcommittee is in Appendix I.

**Deliberations of the Subcommittee**

The proposed revision

4. Members note that of the four items of revision listed below, three are increase proposals to recover nearly the full cost while one is a reduction of fee achieved through higher productivity of the Pharmacy and Poisons Board (the Board) and an increase in the number of applicants -

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Existing fee</u>	<u>Proposed fee</u>
Examination in each subject prescribed by the Board	\$1,090	\$1,100
Issue of a certificate of registration as a pharmacist	\$775	\$790
Annual practising certificate for a registered pharmacist	\$585	\$520
Issue of a certificate of good standing	\$395	\$415

The fees were last revised in May 1997, based on the costing results for 1995-96. Details of the cost computation at 2000-01 prices are in Appendix II.

#### Financial implications

5. Members note that the proposed revision, if implemented, will reduce Government revenue by \$75,000 per annum. The Administration has pointed out that this is due to the fact that the number of applications for annual practising certificates for registered pharmacists, which is an item of decrease, far exceeds the number of applications in respect of the three items of increases.

#### Members' views

6. Members welcome the item of decrease and note the small amount of increases for the three other items based on the cost recovery principle. They also note the Administration's view that the proposed increases would not directly affect people's livelihood or general business activities. As it is for individual Members to consider whether they would support the proposed revision in fees, the Subcommittee agrees that the Administration may submit a fresh notice to move the motion at a future Council meeting.

#### **Recommendation**

7. The Subcommittee invites the House Committee to note its deliberations.

**Subcommittee on Proposed Resolution under Section 29  
of the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance**

**Membership List**

**Chairman**

Hon CHAN Kam-lam

**Members**

Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, JP

Hon David CHU Yu-lin

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, JP

Hon CHAN Yuen-han

Hon SIN Chung-kai

Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP

Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung

Hon LAU Ping-cheung

(Total : 9 Members)

**Clerk**

Ms Doris CHAN

**Legal Adviser**

Ms Bernice WONG

**Date**

16 January 2001

Appendix II

**COST  
COMPUTATION**

**Department of Health**

**Fees payable under  
the Pharmacy and  
Poisons Regulations**

**Cost at 2000-01  
Prices  
(for processing one  
application)**

	Examination in each subject prescribed by the Board	Issue of a certificate of registration as a pharmacist	Annual practising certificate for a registered pharmacist	Issue of a certificate of good standing
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Staff Costs	924	682	449	360
Accommodation Costs	85	63	41	33
Departmental Expenses	78	31	21	16
Central Administrative Overhead	24	18	12	9
<b>Unit Cost</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>418</b>
Existing fee	1,090	775	585	395
Proposed fee	1,110	790	520	415