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Paper for the House Committee Meeting of the Legislative Council on 2 February 2001

Legal Service Division Further Report on Education (Amendment) Bill 2000

At the House Committee meeting on 12 January 2001, Members agreed to defer making a decision on the Bill until a further report was received on the Administration's final response to our drafting query.

2. Subsequent to its letter dated 10 January 2001 agreeing to consider whether and how the wording of clause 25 may be improved on, the Administration finally wrote back on 20 January 2001 proposing to introduce a Committee Stage amendment (CSA) to address the drafting problem in that clause.

3. The proposed CSA is to amend the proposed regulation 87(1) of the Education Regulation (Cap. 279 sub. leg.) in clause 25(b) of the Bill, which reads -

"(1) The Director may limit the maximum number of pupils permitted in every classroom."

to read -

"(1) The Director may specify the maximum number of pupils permitted in every classroom."

so that it makes better sense in terms of logic.

4. The relevant correspondence is attached for reference. We have no further problems with the technical aspects of the Bill.

<u>Encl</u>

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