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**Subcommittee on
Occupational Safety and Health
(Display Screen Equipment) Regulation**

**Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 28 February 2002 at 8:30 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo (Chairman)
Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon HUI Cheung-ching
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, JP
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung
Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok
- Members absent** : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS
- Public Officers attending** : Mr Fred TING
Deputy Commissioner for Labour (Occupational Safety and Health)
- Mr K W TSANG
Assistant Commissioner for Labour (Occupational Safety)

Dr LEUNG Lai-man
Occupational Health Consultant
Labour Department

Ms Marie SIU
Senior Government Counsel

Clerk in attendance : Mrs Sharon TONG
Chief Assistant Secretary (2) 1

Staff in attendance : Mr Arthur CHEUNG
Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2

Miss Betty MA
Senior Assistant Secretary (2)1

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I. Meeting with the Administration

The Subcommittee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex**)

2. Deputy Commissioner for Labour (DC for L) informed members that as a result of heavy workload and internal deployment of manpower resources within the Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB), the Administration decided that representatives of the Labour Department would attend meetings of the Subcommittee on behalf of EMB. Such an arrangement would extend to other committees to study legislation concerning occupational safety and health.

3. Mr YEUNG Yiu-chung considered that the new arrangement was acceptable provided that representatives of LD could answer questions from members on matters relating to the policy aspect at the relevant committee meetings. DC for L assured members that the Labour Department would sort out with EMB on the policy aspect on individual proposals before attending meetings of the committees concerned.

4. The Chairman expressed concern about whether the new arrangement was introduced as a result of a change in policy; if so, he was of the view that clarification should be sought from the Secretary for Education and Manpower on the matter. Ms LI Fung-ying said that the matter involved policy consideration and would be more appropriate to be followed up by the Panel on Manpower. The Chairman said that he would raise the matter at the forthcoming meeting of the Panel on Manpower scheduled for the afternoon of 28 February 2002.

5. Members noted that the amendment proposed by Mr LEE Cheuk-yan to the

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definition of "user" in section 2 of the proposed Regulation (LC Paper No. CB(2) 1223/01-02(02)) to the effect that user meant an employee who used display screen equipment almost every day and cumulatively for four hours or more during a day would be within the meaning of the Regulation. Members were of the view that Mr LEE's amendment should be moved in his own name.

6. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan also informed members that should the Chairman decide not to pursue his proposed amendment to incorporate the provision of rest break in the proposed Regulation, he would consider taking up the amendment.

7. The Subcommittee concluded that its deliberations on the proposed Regulation. Members agreed that the Chairman would report the Subcommittee's deliberations to the House Committee at its meeting on 22 March 2002. The Administration would give fresh notice to move a motion at the Council meeting on 17 April 2002 to seek the Council's approval of the Occupational Safety and Health (Display Screen Equipment) Regulation. Members noted that the deadline for giving notice of amendment to the motion was 10 April 2002.

8. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:33 am.

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**Proceedings of the meeting of the Subcommittee on
Occupational Safety and Health (Display Screen Equipment) Regulation
on Thursday, 28 February 2002, at 8:30 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

Time	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
0000 - 0216	Chairman	Attendance of the subcommittee meeting of representatives of the Education and Manpower Bureau	
0217 - 0241	Mr YEUNG Yiu-chung	- ditto -	
0242 - 0309	Chairman	- ditto -	
0310 - 0505	Admin	- ditto -	
0506 - 0523	Chairman	- ditto -	
0524 - 0622	Admin	- ditto -	
0623 - 0646	Mr YEUNG Yiu-chung	- ditto -	
0647 - 0708	Admin	- ditto -	
0709 - 0806	Ms LI Fung-ying	Suggestion of referring the above issue to the Panel on Manpower for follow-up	
0807 - 1005	Chairman	- ditto -	The Chairman to raise the issue at the next meeting of Panel on Manpower
1006 - 1405	Admin	Administration's response to issues raised at the meeting on 23.1.2002	
1406 - 1424	Chairman	Members' amendments to the Regulation	
1425 - 1613	Mr LEE Cheuk-yan	Explanation of his proposed amendment to the Regulation	
1614 - 1621	Chairman	Invitation of questions on Mr LEE Cheuk-yan's proposed amendment	
1622 - 1642	Ms Miriam LAU	Questions on Mr LEE Cheuk-yan's proposed amendment	
1643 - 1829	Mr LEE Cheuk-yan	Explanation of his proposed amendment to the Regulation	
1830 - 2032	Chairman	Supplementary information on submissions on medical researches on health problems related to use of DSE	
2033 - 2431	Admin	Administration's response to comments put forward by Miss Margaret NG	
2432 - 2441	Chairman	- ditto -	
2442 - 2923	SALA2	Advice on the revised definition of "user"	
2924 - 3044	Mr LEUNG Fu-wah	Views on Mr LEE Cheuk-yan's proposed amendment	
3045 - 3100	Chairman	Invitation of questions from members	
3101 - 3241	Mr SIN Chung-kai	Suggestion that employee should sign on the risk assessment checklist upon completion	
3242 - 3340	SALA2	Advice on Mr SIN's suggestion	
3341 - 3438	Mr SIN Chung-kai	Clarification on whether members could amend the risk assessment checklist	
3439 - 3449	Chairman	- ditto -	
3450 - 3528	Mr SIN Chung-kai	- ditto -	
3529 - 3543	Chairman	- ditto -	

3544 - 3633	Ms Miriam LAU	Support for Mr SIN's suggestion	
3634 - 4022	SALA2	Advice on whether members could amend the code of practice	
4023 - 4245	Admin	Administration's response to Mr SIN's suggestion	
4246 - 4326	Ms Miriam LAU	Elucidation of her views on Mr SIN's suggestion	
4327 - 4536	Mr SIN Chung-kai	Support for Ms Miriam LAU's view	
4537 - 4646	SALA2	Clarification on his previous advice on Mr SIN's suggestion	
4647 - 4657	Chairman	Invitation of members' views on Mr SIN's suggestion	
4658 - 4914	Mr LEUNG Fu-wah	Views on Mr SIN's suggestion	
4915 - 4945	Mr SIN Chung-kai	Clarification of his suggestion	
4946 - 5145	Dr LO Wing-lok	Views on Mr SIN's suggestion	
5146 - 5326	Ms LI Fung-ying	- ditto -	
5327 - 5337	Dr LO Wing-lok	- ditto -	
5338 - 5433	Ms Miriam LAU	- ditto -	
5434 - 5523	Chairman	Administration's proposed amendments to the Regulation, Code of Practice and Health Guide	
5524 - 5641	Admin	- ditto -	
5642 - 5831	Chairman	Date of moving the motion on the Regulation and reporting to the House Committee	
5832 - 5848	Admin	- ditto -	Admin to give notice of moving the motion before 28 March 2002

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