

**立法會**  
**Legislative Council**

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**Bills Committee on Occupational Deafness  
(Compensation) (Amendment) Bill 2002**

**Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting  
held on Monday, 27 January 2003 at 8:30 am  
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

**Members Present** : Dr Hon LO Wing-lok (Chairman)  
Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan  
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP  
Hon Bernard CHAN, JP  
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon LI Fung-ying, JP  
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

**Members Absent** : Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP  
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung  
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, GBS, JP  
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee

**Public Officers Attending** : Mrs Jenny CHAN, JP  
Assistant Commissioner for Labour  
(Employees' Rights and Benefits)

Dr LO Wai-kee  
Occupational Health Consultant  
Labour Department

Mrs Bernadette LAI  
Senior Labour Officer  
Labour Department

Mr Sunny CHAN  
Senior Government Counsel

Miss Amy CHAN  
Government Counsel

**Deputations by Invitation** : Hong Kong Society of Audiology

Miss Anna KAM Chi-shan  
Vice Chairman

Mr Ricky WONG Kin-wai  
Executive Committee Member

Occupational Deafness Compensation Board

Dr AU Kin-kwok, Dennis  
Member, Occupational Deafness Medical Committee

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

**Staff in Attendance** : Miss Kitty CHENG  
Assistant Legal Adviser 5

Ms Dora WAI  
Senior Assistant Secretary (2) 4

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**I. Meeting with deputations**  
(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1021/02-03(01), (02) and CB(2)1053/02-03(01))

The Bills Committee received views from representatives of the Hong Kong Society of Audiology and the Occupational Deafness Compensation Board on hearing assistive devices. It also noted the submission from The Hong Kong Society for the Deaf.

## **II. Meeting with the Administration**

(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1021/02-03(03) and (04))

2. The Bills Committee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).
3. The Bills Committee suggested that since hearing aids had to be purchased on the recommendation of qualified professionals, the Administration should re-consider the need to impose a ceiling of reimbursement for hearing assistive devices.
4. The Administration undertook to provide the following to the Bills Committee -
  - (a) additional risk of hearing impairment under different noise levels between 85dB(A) and 90dB(A) as determined by the International Standard Organisation; and
  - (b) a written response to the letter dated 21 January 2003 from the Hong Kong Occupational Deafness Association (HKODA) so that a copy could be provided to the HKODA for its information.

## **III. Date of next meeting**

5. The Bills Committee agreed to hold the next two meetings on 24 February 2003 at 10:45 am and 3 March 2003 at 10:45 am.

*(Post-meeting note : With the concurrence of the Chairman, the meeting on 24 February 2003 has been re-scheduled to 26 February 2003 at 8:30 am.)*

6. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:45 am.

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**Proceedings of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the  
Bills Committee on Occupational Deafness  
(Compensation) (Amendment) Bill 2002  
on Monday, 27 January 2003 at 8:30 am  
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

<b>Time Marker</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Subject(s)</b>	<b>Action required</b>
000000 - 000202	Chairman	Introductory remarks	
000203 - 000450	Hong Kong Society of Audiology (HKSA)	Views as set out in LC Paper No. CB(2)1021/02-03(02)	
000451 - 001739	Chairman Administration	Administration's paper on prices of hearing assistive devices (LC Paper No. CB(2)1021/02-03(01))	
001740 - 001747	Chairman Occupational Deafness Compensation Board (ODCB)	Price levels and models of hearing assistive devices	
002623 - 004314	Chairman Ms Audrey EU Administration	Reimbursement of expenses in relation to hearing assistive devices and the proposed ceiling of reimbursement	
004315 - 004713	Mr Kenneth TING Administration Chairman	(a) Scope of the review; and (b) Consultation with employers and employees of the four newly proposed specified noisy occupations	
004714 - 005102	Mr CHAN Kwok-keung ODCB Chairman HKSA	(a) Proposed ceiling of reimbursement for hearing assistive devices; and (b) Performance of different types of hearing assistive devices	
005103 - 005635	Mr LEE Cheuk-yan Chairman Administration HKSA	(a) Proposed ceiling of reimbursement for hearing assistive devices; and (b) Arrangements for replacing hearing assistive devices	
005636 - 005649	Chairman	Views on the proposed ceiling of reimbursement for hearing assistive devices	
005650 - 010030	Ms LI Fung-ying Chairman	Proposed ceiling of reimbursement for hearing assistive devices	
010031 - 010621	Chairman HKSA	Life of a hearing assistive device	
010622 - 010837	Ms LI Fung-ying ODCB	Price levels of same models of hearing assistive devices offered by the Hospital Authority and outside suppliers	
010838 - 011153	Ms Audrey EU Administration Chairman	Reimbursement of expenses in relation to hearing assistive devices	
011154 - 011257	Chairman Mr Kenneth TING	Administration's response to members' views expressed at last meeting and submissions from nine deputations (LC Paper No. CB(2)1021/02-03(03))	
011258 - 012329	Miss CHAN Yuen-han Administration Chairman ALA5	Requirement on employment under a continuous contract within the 12 months before the date of application under the existing Ordinance	
012330 - 012807	Mr LEE Cheuk-yan Administration	Requirement on the degree of deafness in both ears	

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012808 - 013350	Ms LI Fung-ying Administration	Proposal to expand the scope of the Ordinance to cover all industries	
013351 - 014425	Mr Andrew CHENG Administration	(a) Service requirement in noisy occupations; and (b) Pre-employment hearing test and physical examination	
014426 - 015300	Mr LEE Cheuk-yan Administration Chairman	Proposals to - (a) expand the scope of the Ordinance to cover all workers certified by qualified specialists to be suffering from occupational deafness; and (b) lower the threshold for designating a job process as noisy occupation	
015301 - 015740	Miss CHAN Yuen-han Administration	Difference in the degree of proneness to noise-induced hearing loss	
015741 - 020153	Ms Cyd HO Administration Chairman	Threshold for designating a job process as noisy occupation	<b>Admin to provide a response</b> [see paragraph 4(a) of minutes]
020154 - 020741	Ms Audrey EU Chairman Mr Kenneth TING Mr LEE Cheuk-yan Ms Cyd HO	Proposed ceiling of reimbursement for hearing assistive devices	<b>Admin to re-consider the proposal</b> [see paragraph 3 of minutes]
020742 - 021238	Administration Chairman	Administration's response to the letter from the HKODA	<b>Admin to provide a written response</b> [see paragraph 4(b) of minutes]
021239 - 021748	Chairman Members	Date of next meetings	

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

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