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By Fax and By Post

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Dear Mrs Chan,

Occupational Deafness (Compensation) (Amendment) Bill 2002

You may recall that at the last Bills Committee meeting (27 January 2003), Members raised the question that whether doctor's fees would be included as part of the reimbursements under new section 27B(1) of the Bill. You answer to this question, to put it shortly, is that doctor's fees will not be reimbursed.

Section 27B of the Bill provides that reimbursements will be made for any expenses "incurred in the *acquisition, fitting*, repair or maintenance of a hearing assistive device". Perhaps you may explain what is involved in the "acquisition" and "fitting" of a hearing assistive device and whether doctor's consultation will be involved.

I would be grateful for your reply in bilingual form before the next meeting of the Bills Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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