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**Bills Committee on
Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No.2) Bill 2001**

**Minutes of meeting
held on Monday, 22 July 2002 at 2:15 pm
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP (Chairman)
Hon Margaret NG
Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung
Hon Howard YOUNG, JP

Member absent : Hon SIN Chung-kai

Clerk in attendance : Mrs Constance LI
Chief Assistant Secretary (2)5

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

Ms Joanne MAK
Senior Assistant Secretary (2)2

I. Election of Chairman

Mr Eric LI Ka-cheung was elected Chairman of the Bills Committee.

2. The Bills Committee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

II. Way forward

3. Members agreed that the Administration should be requested to provide response to the following concerns raised by members -

- (a) as Clause 8 of the Bill sought to empower the Commissioner to specify by notice in the Gazette the classes of persons or returns to which the electronic and telefiling lodgment scheme would apply, the scope of the proposed new services would remain unclear even at the time the Bill was passed;
- (b) whether the Commissioner could advise at the present stage the classes of persons or returns to which the proposed lodgment scheme would apply;
- (c) the reasons for specifying in the Bill that the notices made under subsections (5) and (6) in the new section 51AA were not subsidiary legislation; and
- (d) whether consideration would be given to accepting more service providers, other than the Hong Kong Post, to support the use of password in filing tax returns electronically.

4. The Chairman suggested that the relevant professional bodies and the information technology industry should be invited to give views on the Bill. Members agreed.

5. Members also agreed that, to allow time for the Administration to provide further information and the professional bodies to make submissions, the next meeting should be held in October 2002. The Clerk would inform members of the date of the next meeting after consulting the Chairman.

6. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:20 pm.

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Time	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action Required
000000 - 000033	Miss Margaret NG Chairman Mr HUI Cheung-ching Mr Howard YOUNG	Election of Chairman	
000033 - 000120	Miss Margaret NG	Concerns about - a. the scope of the new services; and b. empowering the Commissioner to specify by notice in the Gazette the classes of persons or returns to which the electronic and telefiling lodgment scheme would apply.	Adm to provide information
000120 - 000335	Chairman Miss Margaret NG Mr HUI Cheung-ching	Invitation of professional bodies and the information technology industry to give views on the Bill	The Clerk to invite views on the Bill
000335 - 000639	Chairman Miss Margaret NG Mr HUI Cheung-ching	Date of next meeting	