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**Bills Committee on Companies (Amendment) Bill 2004**  
**Third meeting on 13 January 2005**

**Proposed Work Plan**

**Purpose**

This paper aims to set out the proposed work plan for the Bills Committee's scrutiny of the Companies (Amendment) Bill 2004 (the Bill) for members' consideration.

**Background**

2. At the last Bills Committee meeting held on 16 December 2004, the Chairman invited the Administration to work out the matters to be discussed by the Bills Committee and the number of meetings required for each matter, and the Clerk to work out a meeting schedule accordingly. The Chairman indicated that future meetings would be held at an interval of around 3 weeks.

**Proposed work plan**

3. Having regard to various factors such as the complexity of the various provisions contained in the Bill, a tentative work plan has been drawn up by the Administration as follows -

<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>Matters discussed/to be discussed</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> (8 November 2004)	• Overview of the proposals in the Bill
2 <sup>nd</sup> (16 December 2004)	• Meeting with deputations

<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>Matters discussed/to be discussed</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> (13 January 2005)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matters arising from the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting</li> <li>• Matters arising from the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting</li> <li>• Work plan of the Bills Committee</li> </ul>
4 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clause 1: Short title and commencement clause</li> <li>• Clause 2: New section 2B</li> <li>• Clause 18 [The new Twenty-Third Schedule]*</li> </ul>
5 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clause 18 (any remaining provisions not scrutinized at the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting)</li> <li>• Clauses 3 to 5 [True and fair view override provisions etc.]</li> </ul>
6 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any outstanding matters arising from previous meetings</li> <li>• Clauses 6 – 17 [Technical matters]</li> <li>• Clauses 19 – 21 [Transitional arrangements and consequential amendments etc.]</li> </ul>
7 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall review of draft Committee Stage Amendments (CSAs) and other remaining matters to wrap up the scrutiny</li> </ul>

\* The proposed new definition for “subsidiary” is mainly set out in the new section 2B and the Twenty-Third Schedule of the Companies Ordinance. It is therefore suggested that clause 18 be scrutinized before clauses 3 to 17.

### **Proposed meeting schedule**

4. Given the Administration’s current estimate that four more meetings may be required for completing the scrutiny of the Bill and the possible need for addition of meetings towards the end of the scrutiny period for detailed examination of individual clauses and draft CSAs, the Clerk has worked out a proposed meeting schedule with seven meeting slots for the period from February to May 2005. The seven meeting slots are at an interval of around

2.5 or 3 weeks. The proposed meeting schedule is set out below for members' consideration:

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	3 February 2005 (Thursday)	8:30 am - 10:30 am
5 <sup>th</sup>	24 February 2005 (Thursday)	8:30 am - 10:30 am
6 <sup>th</sup>	15 March 2005 (Tuesday)	10:45 am - 12:45 pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	7 April 2005 (Thursday)	8:30 am - 10:30 am
8 <sup>th</sup>	26 April 2005 (Tuesday)	10:45 am - 12:45 pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	13 May 2005 (Friday)	8:30 am - 10:30 am
10 <sup>th</sup>	31 May 2005 (Tuesday)	10:45 am - 12:45 pm

**Advice sought**

5. Members are invited to consider the proposed work plan and meeting schedule set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 above.

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