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**Bills Committee on
Vocational Training Council (Amendment) Bill 2004**

**Minutes of the first meeting
held on Thursday, 4 November 2004 at 10:45 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, S.B.St.J., JP (Chairman)
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP
Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS
Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP

Public Officers attending : Mr Edward YAU
Deputy Secretary for Education and Manpower

Mrs Carrie WILLIS
Executive Director
Vocational Training Council

Ms Phyllis POON
Government Counsel

Mr Gary AU
Assistant Secretary for Education and Manpower

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

Staff in attendance : Miss Kitty CHENG
Assistant Legal Adviser 5

Miss Betty MA
Senior Council Secretary (2)1

I. Election of Chairman

Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO was elected Chairman of the Bills Committee.

2. The Chairman declared interest as a former member of the Vocational Training Council (VTC). Mr Howard YOUNG and Miss CHAN Yuen-han declared interest as serving members of VTC. Ms LI Fung-ying declared interest as the former member of the Administration Committee of VTC

II. Meeting with the Administration

3. The Bills Committee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

4. The Bills Committee requested the Administration to provide a response to the following -

- (a) whether the existing staff of VTC would be redeployed for conducting extra-territorial activities; if so, what were the criteria for redeployment;
- (b) whether new staff members would be recruited for conducting extra-territorial activities; if so, where the recruitment would take place and whether priority would be given to selecting applicants from Hong Kong;
- (c) further elaboration on the target group of the training and education to be provided by VTC in a place outside Hong Kong;
- (d) whether the proposal of conducting extra-territorial activities by VTC was within the meaning of “technical education and industrial training suited to the development needs of Hong Kong” as stipulated in section 5 (objects of the Council) of the Vocation Training Council Ordinance

(VTCO);

- (e) the circumstances under which subsidy would be made available by the Government towards the training and education provided by VTC in a place outside Hong Kong; and
- (f) the views of the relevant staff associations of VTC when they were consulted on the legislative proposal.

5. In response to Miss CHAN Yuen-han, the Executive Director, VTC assured members that the job security and conditions of service of the existing staff of VTC would not be affected as a result of the extra-territorial activities to be conducted by VTC.

6. Regarding the Administration's proposal to amend VTCO to empower any one of the Deputy Chairmen of VTC to sign the statement of income and expenditure and balance sheet when the Chairman was absent from Hong Kong or was unable to act as Chairman, Miss CHAN Yuen-han asked whether similar arrangements were adopted by other statutory corporations. Assistant Legal Adviser 5 agreed to provide information at the next meeting.

III. Date of next meeting

- 7. Members agreed that the next meeting be held on 1 December 2004 at 10:45 am.
- 8. The meeting ended at 12:43 pm.

**Proceedings of the meeting of the
Bills Committee on
Vocational Training Council (Amendment) Bill 2004
on Thursday, 4 November 2004 at 10:45 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action Required
000000 - 000210	Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Hon Wong Ting-kwong Hon Wong Kwok-hing	Election of Chairman and Opening remarks	
000211 – 000310	Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Hon Howard YOUNG Hon LI Fung-ying	Declaration of interests by members	
000311 - 000817	Admin	Briefing on the Vocational Training Council (Amendment) Bill 2004 (the Bill)	
000818 - 001124	Chairman ALA5	Whether objects of the Vocational Training Council (VTC) provided in section 5 of the VTC Ordinance should be amended	
001125 - 002915	Chairman Hon WONG Kwok-hing Admin Hon LI Fung-ying	Deployment and recruitment of VTC staff; target group of the extra-territorial activities	Admin to explain the staff deployment and recruitment for VTC to conduct extra-territorial activities
002916 - 004056	Hon WONG Ting-kwong Admin Chairman ALA5 Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah	How the proposal that no subsidy would be made available by the Government under new section 6(4) in clause 4 of the Bill be implemented; legal liabilities of VTC in conducting the extra-territorial activities	
004057 - 004721	Hon CHAN Yuen-han Admin ALA5	Proposal to empower any one of the Deputy Chairmen to sign the statements of accounts when the Chairman was absent from Hong Kong or was unable to act as Chairman	ALA5 to advise whether similar arrangements were adopted by other statutory corporations

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004722 - 005306	Hon Howard YOUNG Hon CHAN Yuen-han Admin	Impact of the legislative proposal on the employment of existing VTC staff; whether subsidy would be provided to non-Hong Kong residents attending the extra-territorial activities	
005307 - 005420	Hon Howard YOUNG Admin	Target group of the extra-territorial activities to be run by VTC	Admin to respond to members' concerns
005421 - 011616	Hon Mrs Selina CHOW Chairman Admin Hon Patrick LAU ALA5	The implementation of self-financing principle in conducting the extra-territorial activities by VTC	Admin to move CSA to clause 4 of the Bill
011617 014559	Hon Patrick LAU Chairman Admin Hon WONG Kwok-hing Hon Mrs Selina CHOW Hon CHAN Yuen-han	Whether the objects of the Council provided in section 5 of the VTC Ordinance should be amended	Admin to respond to members' concerns
014600 015148	Hon Mrs Selina CHOW Admin Chairman Hon LI Fung-ying	Arrangement for ensuring no subsidy to be provided to non-Hong Kong persons in attending the training and education courses outside Hong Kong	Admin to respond to members' concerns
015149 015607	Hon WONG Kwok-hing Admin Hon CHAN Yuen-han Hon Howard YOUNG	Staff concerns expressed about the legislative proposal and consultation of staff associations in VTC	Admin to provide information on the response of staff associations concerned
015608 015937	Chairman	Date of next meeting	