

**立法會**  
**Legislative Council**

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LC Paper No. CB(2)461/04-05  
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the Administration)

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

**Minutes of the second meeting  
held on Wednesday, 1 December 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

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**I. Meeting with the Administration**  
(LC Paper No. CB(2)278/04-05(01))

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

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

- (a) to consider members' views regarding the financial arrangements for extra-territorial activities;
- (b) to provide the costing models for devising the "break-even point" test in assessing whether a programme would be financially self-sufficient and be undertaken by the Vocational Training Council (VTC);
- (c) to provide details of the views expressed by the staff unions concerned of the VTC on the proposed expansion of VTC's activities outside Hong Kong;
- (d) to give an undertaking that priority would be given to Hong Kong people when engaging new staff members for the expanded activities outside Hong Kong;
- (e) to clarify new section 6(3) in clause 4 of the Bill as amended by the proposed Committee Stage amendments; and
- (f) to review the drafting of new section 17(4) in clause 5 of the Bill.

3. Members agreed that the Bills Committee would also write to the staff unions of VTC and seek their views on the proposed expansion of the VTC's activities outside Hong Kong.

**II. Date of next meeting**

4. Members agreed that the Clerk would consult the Chairman on the date of the next meeting.

*(Post-meeting note : The next meeting would be held on 11 January 2005 at 10:45 am.)*

5. The meeting ended at 12:43 pm.

Council Business Division 2  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
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**Proceedings of the meeting of the  
Bills Committee on  
Vocational Training Council (Amendment) Bill 2004  
on Wednesday, 1 December 2004 at 10:45 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>   |
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| 000000 -<br>000535 | Chairman<br>Admin  | Administration's response to issues raised by members at the last meeting [LC Paper No. CB(2) 278/04-05(01)]   |  |
| 000536 -<br>000714 | ALA5   | ALA5's response to issues raised by members at the last meeting [LC Paper No. CB(2) 291/04-05(02)]   |  |
| 000715 -<br>001028 | Hon Howard YOUNG<br>Admin                                      | Containment of risk  |  |
| 001029 -<br>001805 | Hon LI Fung-ying<br>Admin                                      | Vocational Training Council (VTC) staff reaction and involvement in extra-territorial activities   |  |
| 001806 -<br>002402 | Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah<br>Admin                                   | Job attachments in the Mainland for youths; and maintenance of separate accounts for the extra-territorial activities.                               |  |
| 002403 -<br>003543 | Hon WONG Kwok-hing<br>Admin<br>Chairman<br>Hon Mrs Selina CHOW | Staff consultation on the proposed expansion of the VTC's activities outside Hong Kong; engagement of new staff members for the expanded activities. | <b>Admin to give an undertaking that priority be given to Hong Kong people when engaging new staff members for the expanded activities outside Hong Kong</b> |
| 003544 -<br>003924 | Hon Mrs Selina CHOW<br>Admin                                   | "Break-even point" test for VTC programmes   | <b>Admin to provide the costing models for devising the "Break-even point" test</b>  |
| 003925 -<br>004903 | Hon WONG Ting-kwong<br>Admin                                   | Liabilities for VTC in conducting its extra-territorial activities   |  |

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| 004904 -<br>005006 | Hon LI Fung-ying<br>Chairman<br>Admin   | Staff consultation on the proposed expansion of the VTC's activities outside Hong Kong | <b>Admin and the Bills Committee to seek views from staff unions of VTC</b> |
| 005007 -<br>011813 | Hon CHAN Yuen-han<br>Admin<br>Hon Mrs Selina CHOW<br>Hon WONG Kwok-hing<br>Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong<br>Chairman | Selection of staff to conduct the extra-territorial activities                         |   |
| 011814 -<br>014544 | Hon WONG Ting-kwong<br>Admin<br>Chairman<br>Hon Jasper TSANG<br>Hon Patrick LAU                             | Proposed arrangement for the Deputy Chairman of VTC to sign statements of accounts     | <b>Admin to review the drafting of clause 5 of the Bill</b>                 |
| 014545 -<br>015948 | Hon CHAN Yuen-han<br>Admin<br>Chairman  | Performing functions outside by VTC through an agent                                   | <b>Admin to clarify the drafting of CSA to clause 4 of the Bill</b>         |
| 015949 –<br>020122 | Chairman  | Date of next meeting   |   |