

Vocational Training Council (Amendment) Bill

Introduction

This paper sets out the Administration's response to the points raised by Members of the Bills Committee at the meeting of 1 February 2005.

Surpluses from Extra-territorial Activities

2. The Vocational Training Council (VTC) intends to use surpluses accumulated from the operation of extra-territorial activities to fund its other activities. The transfer of funds, including any surpluses accumulated under the VTC's subsidiary companies, is an administrative matter and it is not necessary to be spelt out in the legislation. The VTC will seek advice from its legal and accounting advisors in these matters.

Costing of Extra-territorial Activities

3. The spirit behind the CSA of section 6(4) is that no subsidy is provided to non-Hong Kong persons participating in extra-territorial activities conducted by the VTC. Subject to this condition being met, we agree with Members' views that flexibility should be given to the VTC to set out its own costing in respect of the extra-territorial activities.

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