

**立法會**  
**Legislative Council**

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**Bills Committee on  
Child Care Services (Amendment) Bill 2005**

**Minutes of meeting  
held on Monday, 6 June 2005 at 10:45 am  
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Dr Hon YEUNG Sum (Chairman)  
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan  
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong  
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP  
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung  
Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
- Members absent** : Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP  
Hon Bernard CHAN, JP  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
- Public Officers attending** : Health, Welfare and Food Bureau  
  
Ms Linda LAI  
Deputy Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food (Family  
and Women)  
  
Mr Freely CHENG  
Principal Assistant Secretary for Health, Welfare and  
Food (Family)  
  
Mr Gavin KWAI  
Assistant Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food  
(Family) 1

Social Welfare Department

Mr FUNG Pak-yan  
Assistant Director of Social Welfare (Family and Child Welfare)

Mr Peter NG  
Chief Social Work Officer (Family and Child Welfare) 2

Education and Manpower Bureau

Mr Andrew POON Chung-shing  
Principal Assistant Secretary (Quality Assurance)

Mr CHAN Hung-to  
Senior Education Officer (Harmonization of Pre-primary)

Department of Justice

Ms Grace LEUNG  
Government Counsel

**Clerk in attendance** : Miss Flora TAI  
Chief Council Secretary (2)2

**Staff in attendance** : Ms Bernice WONG  
Assistant Legal Adviser 1

Mr Stanley MA  
Senior Council Secretary (2)6

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**I. Confirmation of minutes and matters arising**  
[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1689/04-05 and CB(2)1790/04-05]

The minutes of the meetings held on 12 and 23 May 2005 were confirmed.

**II. Meeting with the Administration**  
[LC Paper No. CB(2)1782/04-05(01) and (02)]

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

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Review on provision of financial assistance to needy families

3. Members noted with concern that based on the information provided by the Administration in Annex I to LC Paper No. CB(2)1782/04-05(01), families with relatively low income, e.g. an income level between \$8,056 and \$11,000, would receive less financial assistance under the enhanced Kindergarten Fee Remission Scheme (KGFRS) as compared with the Child Care Centre Fee Assistance Scheme (CCCFAS), even if these families had social needs to send their children to attend full-day day nursery or day crèche.

4. Members also noted that with the expansion of KGFRS to replace CCCFAS from the 2005-06 school year, additional funding would be incurred and approval of the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council was required. Given that the “no worse-off” principle would apply to existing CCCFAS recipients and in order not to delay the payment of financial assistance to parents under the enhanced KGFRS, members agreed that the Administration would submit the financial proposal on the enhanced KGFRS to FC on 24 June 2005. At members’ request, the Administration undertook to explore any possible measures to support the low income families that would be affected by the change of financial scheme, and revert to the Panel on Education with plausible suggestions, if any, in due course. The Administration also agreed to set out the above undertaking in its financial proposal to be submitted to FC for funding approval on 24 June 2005.

Clause-by-clause examination of the Bill and Committee Stage amendments (CSAs) to be proposed by the Administration

5. The Administration was requested –

*Clause 5 – Exercise of Director’s powers*

- (a) to consider specifying the offices and ranks of the officers who may be authorized by the Director of Social Welfare under the proposed amended section 4(2) of the Child Care Services Ordinance;

[*Post meeting note* : The Administration had subsequently explained that after careful consideration, further amendment to clause 5 was not proposed, so as to allow administrative flexibility, and to cater for possible organisational change of the joint office. Members had raised no further queries.]

*Clause 16 – roof playgrounds*

- (b) to provide the number of registered child care centres with a roof playground; and

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- (c) to stipulate in the Operation Manual of Pre-primary Institutions that the certificate of stability given under Regulation 24(2) of the Child Care Services Regulations, which specified the maximum number of children who may be allowed to use the roof playground at any one time, should be displayed in a conspicuous place at the entrance to the roof playground.

Resumption of Second Reading debate

6. Subject to the CSAs to be moved by the Administration, the Bills Committee supported that the Second Reading debate of the Bill be resumed on 29 June 2005. The Bills Committee would report to the House Committee on its deliberations on 17 June 2005.

**III. Any other business**

7. The meeting ended at 12:50 pm.

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28 June 2005

**Proceedings of the Bills Committee on  
Child Care Services (Amendment) Bill 2005  
on Monday, 6 June 2005 at 10:45 am  
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

<b>Time marker</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Subjects</b>	<b>Action required</b>
000000 - 000135	Chairman	Confirmation of minutes	
000136 - 001713	Chairman Admin	Briefing on the Administration's paper LC Paper No.CB(2)1782/04-05(01).	
001714 - 005752	Chairman ALA1 Mr Jasper TSANG Mr LEE Cheuk-yan	Comparison of fee assistance under CCCFAS and KGFRS as in Annex I and review of level of assistance under the enhanced KGFRS.	<b>See para 4 of the minutes</b>
<b>Clause-by-clause examination and Committee Stage amendments proposed by the Administration</b>			
005753 - 010659	Chairman ALA1Admin Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong	Clause 2 - Commencement	
010700 - 010839	Chairman ALA1 Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Dr Fernando CHEUNG	Clause 3 – Interpretation	
010840 - 011617	Chairman Dr Fernando CHEUNG Admin	Clause 4 – Application	
011618 - 012459	Chairman Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Admin ALA1	Clause 5 – Exercise of Director's powers; Clause 6 – Register of child care centres; and Clause 7 – Appointment of inspectors and medical officers	<b>See para 5(a) of the minutes</b>
012500 - 012929	Chairman Admin Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong	Clauses 8 - 15	
012930 - 013514	Chairman Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Admin Mr Patrick LAU	Clause 16 – Roof playgrounds	<b>See para 5(b) and 5(c) of the minutes</b>
013515 - 015147	Chairman Admin ALA1 Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong	Clauses 17 - 23	

<b>Time marker</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Subjects</b>	<b>Action required</b>
015148 - 015459	ALA1	Circulation of updated set of CSAs for members' reference and resumption of second reading on 29 June 2005.	
015500 - 020459	Chairman Clerk Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong	Follow-up on financial assistance to parents under the enhanced KGFRS.	<b>See para 4 of the minutes</b>
020500 - 020548	Chairman	End of meeting	

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