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Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005

Minutes of the 29th meeting held on Tuesday, 9 May 2006 at 10:45 am in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

Members : Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo (Chairman)

present Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip (Deputy Chairman)

Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP

Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP

Dr Hon YEUNG Sum

Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP

Hon LI Kwok-ying, MH

Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG

Hon KWONG Chi-kin

Members: Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP

absent Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP

Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung **Public Officers:**

Ms Julina CHAN

attending

Principal Assistant Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

(Health)

Dr T H LEUNG, JP

Deputy Director of Health

Dr Cindy LAI

Assistant Director of Health (Special Health Service)

Miss Shandy LIU

Senior Government Counsel

Department of Justice

Mr Alan CHONG Ka-ning

Government Counsel Department of Justice

Clerk in attendance

Ms Doris CHAN

Chief Council Secretary (2) 4

Staff in attendance

Miss Monna LAI

Assistant Legal Adviser 7

Miss Mary SO

Senior Council Secretary (2)8

Miss Maggie CHIU

Legislative Assistant (2) 4

I. Meeting with the Administration

(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1904/05-06(01) and CB(2)1924/05-06(01))

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

2. The Administration undertook to -

- (a) consider stipulating that all qualified establishments must be completely segregated from statutory no smoking areas and with their own entrances;
- (b) seek the views of operators of mahjong clubs again on the requirements stipulated in section 5(c)-(e) of new Schedule 5; and

- (c) find out from the operators of nightclubs whether they had any difficulty in complying with section 6(b) of new Schedule 5.
- 3. At the request of the Bills Committee, the Administration agreed to -
 - (a) delete "restaurant premises" from section 5(e) of new Schedule 5;
 - (b) consider stipulating in section 7(5) of new Schedule 5 that the Director of Health (the Director) must publicise the list of qualified establishments on the Department of Health's website;
 - (c) consider replacing "may" referred to in section 7(3) of new Schedule 5 with "shall";
 - (d) consider providing a person in charge, as referred to in section 1 of new Schedule 5, with an opportunity to appeal against the decision of the Director to remove the name and address of an establishment from the list of qualified establishments; and
 - (e) address the problem that a person in charge, as referred to in section 1 of new Schedule 5, would not be liable to any offence if he/she operated his/her establishment as a qualified bar, qualified mahjong club or qualified nightclub without first having the name and address of his/her establishment included in the list of qualified establishments maintained by the Director, regardless of whether the establishment concerned met all the entry restrictions for a qualified bar, qualified mahjong club or qualified nightclub.

II. Date of next meeting

- 4. The Bills Committee would next meet on 12 May 2006 from 8:30 am to 10:30 am.
- 5. <u>Members</u> agreed to cancel the additional meeting scheduled for 27 May 2006 from 9:00 am to 12 noon.
- 6. <u>The Administration</u> undertook to provide the revised Committee Stage amendments prior to the meeting scheduled for 16 May 2006.
- 7. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:52 pm.

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Annex

Proceedings of the 29th meeting of the Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005 on Tuesday, 9 May 2006 at 10:45 am in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

Time marker	Speaker	Subject	Action required
000000 - 010045	Chairman Admin Mr Howard YOUNG Mr Tommy CHEUNG Ms Emily LAU Mr Albert CHAN ALA7 Mr WONG Ting-kwong Mr Vincent FANG	Continue discussion on draft Committee Stage amendments (version as at 2 May 2006) provided by the Administration (LC Paper No. CB(2)1904/05-06(01)) Section 5 of new Schedule 5 – meaning of a qualified mahjong club The Administration agreed to - (a) consider stipulating that all qualified establishments must be completely segregated from statutory no smoking areas and with their own entrances; (b) seek the views of operators of mahjong clubs again on the requirements stipulated in section 5(c)-(e) of new Schedule 5; and (c) delete "restaurant premises" from section 5(e) of new Schedule 5.	(Admin to provide a written response)
		The Administration undertook to provide the revised Committee Stage amendments (CSAs) prior to the meeting scheduled for 16 May 2006.	(Admin to provide the revised CSAs)
010046 - 013412	Admin Mr Tommy CHEUNG Ms Emily LAU Mr Vincent FANG Mr WONG Ting-kwong Mr Howard YOUNG Mr Martin LEE	Section 6 of new Schedule 5 – meaning of a qualified nightclub The Administration undertook to find out from the operators of nightclubs whether they had any difficulty in complying with section 6(b) of new Schedule 5	(Admin to provide a written response)

Time marker	Speaker	Subject	Action required
013413 - 020451	Admin Ms Emily LAU Mr Tommy CHEUNG Mr Alan LEONG ALA7	Section 7 of new Schedule 5 – List of qualified establishments Section 8 of new Schedule 5 – Person in charge to inform the Director of a charge in respect of qualified establishment Section 9 of new Schedule 5 – Removal of name and address from the list of qualified establishments The Administration agreed to - (a) consider stipulating in section 7(5) of new Schedule 5 that the Director of Health (the Director) must publicise the list of qualified establishments on the Department of Health's website; (b) consider replacing "may" referred to in section 7(3) of new Schedule 5 with "shall"; (c) consider providing a person in charge, as referred to in section 1 of new Schedule 5, with an opportunity to appeal against the decision of the Director to remove the name and address of an establishment from the list of qualified establishments; and (d) address the problem that a person in charge, as referred to in section 1 of new Schedule 5, would not be liable to any offence if he/she operated his/her establishment as a qualified bar, qualified mahjong club or qualified nightclub without first having the name and address of his/her establishments maintained by the Director, regardless of whether the establishment concerned met all the entry restrictions for a qualified bar, qualified mahjong club or qualified nightclub.	(Admin to provide a written response)
020452 - 020526	Chairman	Date of next meeting	

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