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**Bills Committee on
Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Bill**

**Minutes of meeting
held on Tuesday, 16 May 2006 at 8:30 am
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon Margaret NG
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS

Members absent : Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

Public Officers attending : Mr Daniel CHENG
Principal Assistant Secretary for Education and Manpower

Ms Rebecca PUN
Member of Qualifications Framework Core Group

Mr Thomas WU
Assistant Secretary for Education and Manpower

Ms Leonora IP
Senior Government Counsel
Department of Justice

Ms Connie LOK
Senior Registrar
Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation

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

Staff in attendance : Mr Stephen LAM
Assistant Legal Adviser 4

Mr Raymond LAM
Senior Council Secretary (2)5

I. Meeting with the Administration

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

2. The Bills Committee requested the Administration –
 - (a) to review the Secretary for Education and Manpower's power under clauses 3, 4, 7 and 17 of and Schedule 3 to the Bill in relation to the implementation of the Qualifications Framework (QF);
 - (b) to review whether the legislative intent was reflected in the Bill and to consider providing the mechanism for operation of QF in the Bill;
 - (c) to explain, in quantifiable terms, the respective costs which would be incurred in accreditation and how accreditation fees would be computed from such costs; and
 - (d) to provide information on the existing accreditation fees for low level courses and the estimated fees for accreditation under QF.
3. The Bills Committee also requested Assistant Legal Adviser 4 to review the Secretary for Education and Manpower's power under clauses 3, 4, 7 and 17 of and Schedule 3 to the Bill in relation to the implementation of QF.

II. Date of next meeting

4. The Bills Committee noted that the next meeting had been scheduled for 26 May 2006 at 8:30 am and agreed that a further meeting would be held on 27 June 2006 at 4:30 pm to continue discussion with the Administration.

(Post-meeting note : The meeting on 26 May 2006 was subsequently cancelled and the meeting on 27 June 2006 rescheduled to 20 June 2006 at 10:45 am.)

5. The meeting ended at 10:30 am.

Council Business Division 2
Legislative Council Secretariat
14 June 2006

**Proceedings of meeting of the
Bills Committee on
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Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action Required
000000 – 001835	Chairman Hon Vincent FANG Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Hon LI Fung-ying Hon LEE Cheuk-yan Hon WONG Ting-kwong Admin	Progress of scrutiny of the Bill; whether there was a pressing need for the Bill to be enacted within the current legislative session; scheduling of a further meeting on 27 June 2006	
001836 – 002010	Admin	Briefing on the Administration's paper entitled "Questions Raised at the Meeting of the Bills Committee on 7 April 2006 and the Response from the Relevant Authorities" (LC Paper No. CB(2)1966/05-06(01))	
002011 – 002049	Hon LI Fung-ying Admin	Whether members would be provided with a copy of the list of subject specialists	
002050 – 002303	Chairman Admin	Why the views of subject specialists were to be invited on the tenure	
002304 – 002430	Hon WONG Ting-kwong Chairman Admin	Whether the results of the survey on subject specialists were available yet; whether labour unions were invited to nominate subject specialists	

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002431 – 003905	Hon LEE Cheuk-yan Chairman Hon LI Fung-ying Hon WONG Ting-kwong Admin	Recognition of working experience for workers applying for Level 3 qualifications under the Recognition of Prior Learning	
003906 – 004007	Chairman	Continuing discussion on the Administration’s paper entitled “Response to the Concerns of the Bills Committee on the Establishment of a Qualifications Framework (QF) and its associated Quality Assurance Mechanism”	
004008 – 004105	Admin	Briefing on paragraphs 27 to 31 of the Administration’s paper entitled “Response to the Concerns of the Bills Committee on the Establishment of a Qualifications Framework and its associated Quality Assurance Mechanism” (LC Paper No. CB(2)1374/05-06(03))	
004106 – 004332	Hon LI Fung-ying Admin	Whether the eligibility requirements for reimbursement under the Continuing Education Fund would be revised in line with the introduction of QF	
004333 – 005233	Hon LEE Cheuk-yan Admin	Whether and how subsidies would be provided for training courses accredited under QF; co-ordination of training subsidies among different schemes	

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005234 – 005528	Hon WONG Ting-kwong Chairman	Incentives for employers to provide course fee sponsorship to their employees; funding support for training schemes	
005529 – 010149	Hon CHAN Yuen-han Admin	Provision of training leave for employees to attend job-related training courses	
010150 – 014449	Hon Margaret NG Chairman Hon LEE Cheuk-yan Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Dr Hon Joseph LEE Hon LI Fung-ying Admin	Whether details about QF should be provided for in the Bill; incorporation of a sunrise clause in the Bill; legislative intent of the Bill; Secretary for Education and Manpower's power under clauses 3, 4, 7 and 17 of and Schedule 3 to the Bill in relation to the implementation of QF; providing the mechanism for operation of QF in the Bill	Admin to review the Secretary for Education and Manpower's power under clauses 3, 4, 7 and 17 of and Schedule 3 to the Bill in relation to the implementation of QF; to review whether the legislative intent was reflected in the Bill and consider providing the mechanism for operation of QF in the Bill; ALA4 to review the Secretary for Education and Manpower's power under clauses 3, 4, 7 and 17 of and Schedule 3 to the Bill in relation to the implementation of QF

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014450 – 015846	Hon LEE Cheuk-yan Dr Hon Joseph LEE Hon LI Fung-ying Hon SIN Chung-kai Chairman Admin	Paragraph 32 of the Administration's paper entitled "Response to the Concerns of the Bills Committee on the Establishment of a Qualifications Framework and its associated Quality Assurance Mechanism"; details about the determination of course accreditation fees	Admin to explain, in quantifiable terms, the respective costs which would be incurred in accreditation and how accreditation fees would be computed from such costs; to provide information on the existing accreditation fees for low level courses and the estimated fees for accreditation under QF
015847 – 015935	Chairman	Dates of next two meetings	