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

**Minutes of meeting
held on Monday, 9 October 2006, at 4:30 pm
in Conference Room A 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 LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, JP
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS

Members absent : Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP

Public Officers attending : Mrs Betty FUNG
Deputy Secretary for Education and Manpower

Mr Daniel CHENG
Principal Assistant Secretary for Education and Manpower

Mr Thomas WU
Assistant Secretary for Education and Manpower

Ms Leonora IP
Senior Government Counsel
Department of Justice

Mr Peter CHEUNG
Executive Director
Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation

Ms Connie LOK
Senior Registrar
Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation

Clerk in attendance : Mr Raymond LAM
Senior Council Secretary (2)5

Staff in attendance : Mr Stephen LAM
Assistant Legal Adviser 4

Miss Josephine SO
Council Secretary (2)1

Miss Helen DIN
Legislative Assistant (2)1

I. Meeting with the Administration

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

2. The Bills Committee requested the Administration -

- (a) to provide information about its proposed amendments to the review mechanism under the Bill;
- (b) to advise on its proposed arrangements for recognition of prior learning (RPL);
- (c) to provide details of the pilot scheme for RPL;
- (d) to consider requiring complementary measures to be put in place before the RPL scheme came into operation;

- (e) to provide information on the proposed linkage between the Continuing Education Fund and the Qualifications Framework; and
- (f) to provide information on the subsidy scheme for accreditation.

3. The Administration advised that -

- (a) it would consult the relevant committees for the socially disadvantaged on the Specifications of Competency Standards developed by individual Industry Training Advisory Committees under the Qualifications Framework; and
- (b) it would report to the Panel on Manpower the results of its review on the pilot scheme for RPL.

II. Dates of subsequent meetings

4. The Bills Committee agreed that further meetings would be scheduled as follows to continue discussion with the Administration -

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tuesday, 31 October 2006	8:30 am - 10:30 am
Monday, 13 November 2006	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Thursday, 23 November 2006	2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Monday, 4 December 2006	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, 19 December 2006	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

5. The meeting ended at 5:55 pm.

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**Proceedings of meeting of the
Bills Committee on
Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Bill
on Monday, 9 October 2006, at 4:30 pm
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action Required
000000 - 000404	Chairman	Opening remarks	
000405 - 000449	Admin	Briefing on paragraphs 33 and 34 of the Administration's paper entitled "Response to Concerns of the Bills Committee on the Establishment of the Qualifications Framework and its associated Quality Assurance Mechanism" (LC Paper No. CB(2)1374/05-06(03))	
000450 - 000639	Hon LI Fung-ying Admin	Maintaining a balanced composition in Industry Training Advisory Committees	
000640 - 000831	Admin Chairman	Paragraphs 35 to 37 of the Administration's paper entitled "Response to Concerns of the Bills Committee on the Establishment of the Qualifications Framework and its associated Quality Assurance Mechanism" (LC Paper No. CB(2)1374/05-06(03))	Admin to provide information about its proposed amendments to the review mechanism under the Bill

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000832 - 001014	Admin	Briefing on paragraphs 38 to 41 of the Administration's paper entitled "Response to Concerns of the Bills Committee on the Establishment of the Qualifications Framework and its associated Quality Assurance Mechanism" (LC Paper No. CB(2)1374/05-06(03))	
001015 - 001136	Admin	Briefing on paragraphs 42 and 43 of the Administration's paper entitled "Response to Concerns of the Bills Committee on the Establishment of the Qualifications Framework and its associated Quality Assurance Mechanism" (LC Paper No. CB(2)1374/05-06(03))	
001137 - 001914	Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung Admin	Whether the relevant committees for the socially disadvantaged would be consulted on the assessments standards for the disabled under the Qualifications Framework (QF)	

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001915 - 002131	Admin	Briefing on paragraphs 44 and 45 of the Administration's paper entitled "Response to Concerns of the Bills Committee on the Establishment of the Qualifications Framework and its associated Quality Assurance Mechanism" (LC Paper No. CB(2)1374/05-06(03))	Admin to advise on its proposed arrangements for recognition of prior learning
002132 - 003157	Hon Margaret NG Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Admin Chairman	Pilot schemes for RPL; mechanism for review of the pilot scheme for RPL would be established; conditions for commencement of the Bill	Admin to provide details of the pilot scheme for RPL
003158 - 003345	Admin	Briefing on paragraphs 46 and 47 of the Administration's paper entitled "Response to Concerns of the Bills Committee on the Establishment of the Qualifications Framework and its associated Quality Assurance Mechanism" (LC Paper No. CB(2)1374/05-06(03))	

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003346 - 003547	Chairman Hon Margaret NG Admin	Whether the scope of the Continuing Education Fund would be broadened after the establishment of QF; introduction of complementary measures	Admin to provide information on the proposed linkage between the Continuing Education Fund and QF; to consider requiring complementary measures to be put in place before the RPL scheme came into operation
003548 - 005954	Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung Hon LI Fung-ying Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung Hon LEE Cheuk-yan Hon WONG Ting-kwong Hon CHAN Yuen-han Admin Chairman	Provision of leave for employees to undergo training; whether subsidy would be provided for accreditation fees; publicity on QF	
005955 - 010359	Hon Tommy CHEUNG Chairman	Progress of scrutiny of the Bill	
010400 - 010936	Admin	Briefing on the Administration's paper entitled "Information on Accreditation Fees" (LC Paper No. CB(2)2393/05-06(01))	
010937 - 012519	Hon LI Fung-ying Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung Hon WONG Ting-kwong Chairman Admin	Level of accreditation fees; setting the accreditation fees at an affordable level; keeping accreditation costs at a low level	Admin to provide information on the subsidy scheme for accreditation
012520 - 012559	Chairman	Dates of subsequent meetings	