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

**Minutes of meeting
held on Monday, 12 December 2005 at 2:30 pm
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Margaret NG
Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS

Members absent : Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP

Public Officers attending : Mr Edward YAU
Deputy Secretary for Education and Manpower

Ms Rebecca PUN
Principal Assistant Secretary for Education and Manpower

Mr Thomas WU
Assistant Secretary for Education and Manpower

Ms Selina LAU
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 : 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 to provide information on –
 - (a) the distribution in respect of age and education level of the working population in Australia, New Zealand, England and Scotland; and
 - (b) the incentives, if any, provided in these countries to motivate employees to take training courses.
3. The Administration undertook to –
 - (a) strengthen discussions with labour unions regarding the implementation of the Qualifications Framework; and
 - (b) convey to the relevant bureau the view of, at least, adopting administrative measures against age discrimination.

II. Date of next meeting

4. The Bills Committee noted that the next meeting had been scheduled for Thursday, 12 January 2006 at 4:30 pm to continue discussion with the Administration.
5. The meeting ended at 4:25 pm.

Council Business Division 2
Legislative Council Secretariat
10 January 2006

**Proceedings of the meeting of the
Bills Committee on
Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Bill
on Monday, 12 December 2005 at 2:30 pm
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action Required
001530 – 001750	Chairman	Opening remarks	
001751 – 001915	Admin	Briefing on the Administration's paper entitled "Response to Concerns on the Establishment of the Qualifications Framework and its associated Quality Assurance Mechanism" (LC Paper No. CB(2)313/05-06(01))	
001916 – 002602	Hon LI Fung-ying Admin	Preparation work for accreditation and recognition of prior learning; whether the waiting time for accreditation would be long	
002603 – 003650	Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Admin	Whether qualifications recognised under the Qualifications Framework (QF) would become "licences for employment"; mechanism for appeal; future role of Industry Training Advisory Committees (ITACs); introduction of complementary measures; publicity on QF	
003651 – 004731	Hon WONG Ting-kwong Admin	Views of employers on QF and QF-recognised qualifications	
004732 – 005754	Hon Margaret NG Admin Chairman	Whether complementary measures would be introduced; consultation with employees and labour unions on QF; industries where ITACs had been established	

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005755 – 010943	Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung Admin Chairman	Protecting the rights of employees under QF; role of employers in the provision of training for employees; QF and employer-employee relations; participation of labour unions in the implementation of QF	
010944 – 011033	Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chairman	Survey on training of the labour force conducted by the Census and Statistics Department	
011034 – 012034	Chairman Admin	Briefing on the Administration’s papers entitled “Overseas experience on the Qualifications Framework” (LC Paper No. CB(2)313/05-06(02)) and “Legislation against Age Discrimination and that on Complementary Measures in support of Training in Overseas Countries”(LC Paper No. CB(2)607/05-06(01))	
012035 – 012803	Hon Andrew CHENG Admin	Whether administrative measures would at least be introduced against age discrimination; position of the Democratic Party on the Bill	
012804 – 014019	Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Admin	Relationship between complementary measures and legislation against age discrimination and QF; training for elementary workers	
014020 – 014158	Hon LI Fung-ying Chairman	Information on the distribution in respect of age and education level of the working population in Australia, New Zealand, England and Scotland; information on the incentives provided in these countries to motivate employees to take training courses	Admin to provide the requested information

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014159 – 014612	Hon SIN Chung-kai Chairman Admin	Whether low-skilled workers would benefit from the establishment of QF	
014613 – 014814	Admin	Overseas trend in the establishment of QF; benefits derived from establishment of QF in overseas countries	
014815 – 015002	Chairman Hon Andrew CHENG	Introduction of complementary measures	
015003 – 015415	Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung	Providing employees with venues for recognition of prior learning; responsibilities of employers in the training of employees	
015416 – 015439	Chairman	Date of next meeting	