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Bills Committee on Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2006

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 18 May 2006 at 4:44 pm
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

- Members present** : Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, BBS, JP
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS
Hon CHIM Pui-chung
Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG
Hon TAM Heung-man
- Members absent** : Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
- Public Officers attending** : Item I
Mr Stephen FISHER
Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs (1)

Miss Jenny YIP
Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (1)

Miss Christine CHOW
Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (1)1

Mr Lawrence PENG
Senior Assistant Law Draftsman

Mr SO Chau-chuen
Assistant Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Ms Mary WONG
Senior Assessor

Mr MA Wai-luk
Chief Superintendent (CRIME HQ)(Crime Wing)

**Attendance by
invitation** : Item I

The Hong Kong Jockey Club

Mr Henry CHAN
Executive Director, Betting

Mr Kim MAK
Executive Director, Corporate Development

**Clerk in
attendance** : Miss Odelia LEUNG
Chief Council Secretary (2)6

**Staff in
attendance** : Mr Stephen LAM
Assistant Legal Adviser 4

Mr Stanley MA
Senior Council Secretary (2)6

Action

I. Meeting with the Administration and the Hong Kong Jockey Club
[LC Paper No. CB(2)2045/05-06(01)]

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

Action

2. The Bills Committee requested the Administration to –
 - (a) explain the difficulties encountered by the Police in combating illegal bookmaking activities;
 - (b) provide information and figure on the unsuccessful raids mounted by the Police in combating illegal bookmaking activities since 2001;
 - (c) explain how the Administration had come to the conclusion that a certain amount of illegal football bets had been diverted to the authorised channels upon the authorisation of football betting in 2003; and
 - (d) provide the draft conditions of the licence to be issued to the first horse race betting conductor upon the enactment of the Bill.

II. Any other business

3. Members noted that the next meeting of the Bills Committee would be held on Wednesday, 24 May 2006 at 8:30 am to receive views from deputations and individuals on the Bill.
4. In response to Mr WONG Ting-kwong, the Chairman suggested that the revised schedule of meetings be circulated to members after the meeting.
5. The meeting ended at 6:36 pm.

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**Proceedings of the Bills Committee on
Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2006
on Thursday, 18 May 2006 at 4:44 pm
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subjects	Action required
000000 - 000249	Chairman	Welcome to representatives of the Admin, the Police and the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC)	
000250 - 000414	Admin Chairman	Briefing on the Admin's paper for the meeting [LC Paper No. CB(2)2045/05-06(01)]	
000415 - 003059	Mr Andrew CHENG Chairman Admin HKJC	Cash and betting slips seized by the Police during raids on illegal bookmakers from 2001 to 2005	
003100 - 004549	Miss CHAN Yuen-han Admin Chairman HKJC	Increase of pathological gamblers between 2001 and 2005, impact of the proposed reforms to betting duty system on HKJC staff, and further injection into the Ping Wo Fund	
004550 - 005059	Mr Tommy CHEUNG Chairman HKJC Admin	Guarantee of betting duty revenue at \$8 billion in each of the three years from implementation, and its impact on terms and conditions of employment on HKJC staff	
005100 - 010309	Dr Fernando CHEUNG Chairman Admin HKJC	Estimated amount of betting turnover of illegal gambling on horse racing, and reduction of illegal gambling through enforcement measures against illegal bookmaking activities	
010310 - 012104	Mr WONG Ting-kwong Chairman Admin HKJC	Regulation on the provision of rebate to high-value bettors by HKJC, and impact of such rebate on illegal bookmakers	
012105 - 013449	Mr Andrew CHENG Chairman Admin	Combat against illegal bookmaking activities – number of unsuccessful raids and difficulties encountered by the Police	See para 2 (a) and (b) of the minutes
013450 - 014259	Mr Andrew CHENG Chairman Admin	Diversion of illegal football betting to authorized channel upon the authorisation of football betting in 2003	See para 2(c) of the minutes
014300 - 014649	Dr Fernando CHEUNG Chairman Admin	Conversion of betting duty on horse race bets from turnover-based to a tax on net stake receipts (gross profits)	

Time marker	Speaker	Subjects	Action required
014650 - 014939	Chairman Mr Andrew CHENG Clerk	Date of next meeting and future meetings	See para 4 of the minutes
014940 - 015129	ALA4 Chairman Admin	Draft licence for the first horse race betting conductor upon the enactment of the Bill	See para 2(d) of the minutes

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