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Bills Committee on Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2006

Minutes of meeting
held on Tuesday, 30 May 2006 at 4:30 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
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Hon CHIM Pui-chung
Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG
- Members absent** : Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, BBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS
Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
Hon TAM Heung-man
- Public Officers attending** : Item II
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 II

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

Miss Carmen HO
Legislative Assistant (2)6

Action

I. Confirmation of minutes

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)2093/05-06 and CB(2)2158/05-06]

The minutes of the meetings held on 11 May 2006 and 18 May 2006 were confirmed.

II. Meeting with the Administration and the Hong Kong Jockey Club

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)2045/05-06(01), CB(2)2155/05-06(01), CB(2)2176/05-06(01) and CB(2)2176/05-06(02)]

2. The Bills Committee deliberated (Index of proceedings in attached Annex).

3. The Bills Committee requested the Administration to –

- (a) provide information concerning financial investigations into illegal bookmaking activities;
- (b) provide statistics concerning police involvement in illegal bookmaking activities;
- (c) together with the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC), consider introducing financial incentives to encourage report and/or provision of intelligence on illegal bookmaking activities;
- (d) provide statistics on customers' complaints relating to the conduct of horse race betting;
- (e) liaise with HKJC to provide the performance targets set by HKJC for staff involved in taking horse race bets;
- (f) consider a member's view that the voting members of HKJC should not be appointed to the Betting and Lotteries Commission;
- (g) together with HKJC, consider increasing resources for the prevention, counselling and treatment of problem gambling; and
- (h) propose a Committee Stage amendment to move the definition of "director" in section 6B(1) to new section 1A(1).

III. Any other business

4. Members noted that the next meeting of the Bills Committee would be held on Friday, 2 June 2006 at 10:45 am.

Action

5. The meeting ended at 6:28 pm.

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**Proceedings of the Bills Committee on
Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2006
on Tuesday, 30 May 2006 at 4:30 pm
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subjects	Action required
000747 - 000817	Chairman	Confirmation of minutes	
000818 - 001008	Chairman	Welcome to representatives of Admin and Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC)	
001009 - 002509	Mr Andrew CHENG Chairman Admin HKJC	Difficulties encountered in raids against illegal bookmaking activities and ways to improve successful rate	See para 3(a) of the minutes
002510 - 003109	Mr Albert CHAN Admin Chairman	Involvement of police officers in illegal gambling; provision of financial incentives to encourage intelligence reports; and explanations on the purpose of the Bill to combat illegal bookmaking activities	See para 3(b) and (c) of the minutes
003110 - 003725	Dr Fernando CHEUNG Admin Chairman	Estimates of the population involved in illegal gambling and the impact of the proposed reform of betting duty system on diversion of illegal gambling to authorized channel	
003726 - 004459	Miss CHAN Yuen-han Chairman Admin HKJC	Promotion of horse race betting by HKJC staff	
004500 - 005007	Mr Andrew CHENG Admin Chairman	Financial investigation into suspected illegal bookmakers; and impact of the Bill on illegal bookmaking activities	See para 3 (a) of the minutes
005008 - 005734	Dr Fernando CHEUNG Admin Chairman	Increase of gambling population and betting turnover between 2001 and 2004; allocation for Ping Wo Fund to help pathological gamblers; and publicity against pathological gambling	
005735 - 010101	Mr Albert CHAN HKJC Admin	Combating illegal bookmaking activities by provision of rewards to intelligence reporters; and information on police involvement in illegal bookmaking activities	See para 3(b) of the minutes
010102 - 011144	Miss CHAN Yuen-han Chairman Admin Mr Andrew CHENG HKJC	Promotion of horse race betting by HKJC staff inside off-course betting locations; customer complaints relating to the conduct of horse race betting; and performance targets set by HKJC for staff involved in taking horse race bets	See para 3(d) and (e) of the minutes

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011145 - 012004	Dr Fernando CHEUNG Admin HKJC Chairman	Criteria for determining the level of allocations for Ping Wo Fund to fulfil its role and functions; and HKJC's budget on promotion of horse race betting	
012005 - 012344	Chairman Admin	Invitation for further questions on Admin's three papers in response to members' enquiries at meetings on 11, 18 and 24 May 2006	
012345 - 012814	Dr Fernando CHEUNG Chairman Admin	Composition of the Betting and Lottery Commission	See para 3(f) of the minutes
012815 - 013529	Chairman Dr Fernando CHEUNG Admin Mr Tommy CHEUNG HKJC	Restriction on admission of persons below 18 years of age to betting premises	
013530 - 015647	Chairman Mr Tommy CHEUNG Admin ALA4	Clause-by-clause examination : Clauses 1 – 9	See para 3 (g) and (h) of the minutes
015648 - 015739	Chairman	Date of next meeting	

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