

**Legislative Council Panel on Health Services
Special meeting on 23 December 2013**

Recommendations of the Working Group on Differentiation between
Medical Procedures and Beauty Services

Submissions from the Board of Plastic Surgery of the College of Surgeons
of Hong Kong

1. The Working Group on Differentiation between Medical Procedures and Beauty Services ("Working Group") has deliberately refrained from making recommendations on the operation of light and laser energy equipments in its report, explicitly deferring this to proposed future statutory regulations on medical devices.

There is worry as to how long the latter would be realised considering that the Medical Device Administrative Control System (MDACS) of the Department of Health was launched as far back as November 2004 and is still as yet in the process of development. Without an established registry in place, it is difficult to see how the proposed statute can be enforced.

2. Although not strictly within the Report of the Working Group, but as a remark on the document "Updated background brief prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat for the meeting on 18 November 2013", despite the implementation of the Trade Descriptions (Unfair Trade Practices) (Amendment) Ordinance 2012 ("the Amendment Ordinance") enacted in July 2012, which aims at prohibiting certain unfair trade practices and enhancing enforcement mechanisms, we are still to see the effect, if any, on beauty services advertisements involving medical treatments or cosmetic procedures in the media.

There is concern that mere prescription without actual execution of enforcement action would not be sufficient in bringing into full effect the force of the statute.

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