## Bills Committee on Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2016

## List of follow-up actions required of the Administration arising from the discussion at the meeting on 21 March 2016

The Administration was requested to:

- (a) in respect of the registered medical practitioners to be appointed by the Chief Executive ("CE") on the Medical Council of Hong Kong ("the Medical Council") upon nomination by the Director of Health, the University of Hong Kong, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the Hospital Authority or the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine,
  - (i) explain, with cases to be cited, if any, the power of CE in relation to the appointment of such nominated registered medical practitioners as members of the Medical Council; and
  - (ii) advise whether there were previous cases whereby CE had refused to appoint the nominees of the above person/institutions as members of the Medical Council;
- (b) in respect of the seats for lay members on the Medical Council to be appointed by CE,
  - (i) provide a written response to members' view that the appointees for the four additional lay member seats as proposed in the Bill should be drawn from a wide spectrum of the community including for instance patient and consumer representatives, representatives from the legal and accounting professions, and Legislative Council Members; and where appropriate, the individuals concerned were nominated by the relevant bodies in accordance with a transparent procedure relating to the filling of these seats; and
  - (ii) consider the suggestion of some members of applying the above principles to the four existing lay member seats;
- (c) provide a comparison between the regulatory framework in respect of the handling of professional conduct and disciplinary matters by the Medical Council with (i) that of the medical regulatory bodies in overseas jurisdictions, including Australia, Singapore and the United Kingdom; and (ii) that of the regulatory bodies for other local professions, including the accounting and architectural professions; and

(d) provide information on the number of complaints received by the Medical Council each year for the period of 2011 to 2015, with a breakdown on the number of (i) cases being dismissed by the chairman and deputy chairman of the Preliminary Investigation Committee ("PIC") as being frivolous or groundless, (ii) cases that could not be pursued further for various reasons, (iii) cases which were recommended by PIC to the Medical Council for the holding of disciplinary inquiries, and (iv) cases whereby the registered medical practitioners concerned were found guilty of a disciplinary offence after an inquiry.

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