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 16 May 2016

The Administration was requested to:

- (a) in respect of the Legal Adviser to the Medical Council of Hong Kong ("the Medical Council") who was appointed by the Chief Executive,
 - (i) provide information on the hourly rate and the annual remuneration of the former and existing Legal Adviser who served the Medical Council on a part-time basis;
 - (ii) consider the suggestion of some members that the Legal Adviser to the Medical Council should be appointed on a full-time basis; and
- (b) in respect of the quorum requirement for meetings of the Medical Council held for the purpose of an inquiry as stipulated under section 21B of the Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161) and the administrative arrangement adopted by the Medical Council since 2009 for the formation of the quorum concerned as set out in paragraphs 2 to 5 of LC Paper No. CB(2)1468/15-16(04),
 - (i) advise the legal grounds for not allowing members of the Medical Council not on roster to attend such meetings. Under the roster system implemented by the Medical Council for members to serve on the inquiry panels, a rota of seven adjudicating members (i.e. four members of the Medical Council who were registered medical practitioners, one lay member of the Medical Council and two assessors) would be drawn up for each inquiry hearing; and
 - (ii) advise whether the above roster system had made it difficult for the Medical Council to form the quorum for meetings of the Medical Council held for the purpose of an inquiry. According to the Administration, the rationale for the legislative proposal of amending the composition of the quorum for such meetings was that the Medical Council had genuine difficulty in forming the quorum.

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