

LETTERHEAD OF ESTATE DOCTORS ASSOCIATION LTD.

Our ref.: EDA/212/98/O

Your ref.:

By fax & mail

3rd November, 1998

Dr. Leong Che Hung
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Dear Dr. Leong,

Re: Human Reproductive Technology Bill

Referring to your letter of 10 Sept. 1998. The EDA Council has the following comments on the above bill:-

1. Regarding Part II, 3(2)(a) & (b)
3. *Establishment of Council on Human Reproductive Technology*
 - (2) *Subject to subsection (3), the Chief Executive shall appoint to be members of the Council-*
 - (a) *a Chairperson who is not a registered medical practitioner;*
 - (b) *a deputy Chairperson who is not a registered medical practitioner;*

We object to the above clause. We are of the opinion that it is absolutely unfair and unacceptable that only the registered medical practitioners are not allowed to be appointed as the Chairperson or as the deputy Chairperson of the Council on Human Reproductive Technology.

We opine that medical practitioners should have the same equal right as other people for appointment to the post of Chairperson or deputy Chairperson of the Council on Human Reproductive Technology.

2. Regarding Part IV, Licences

19. *Application for licence*
Subject to any regulations made under section 42(2)(d), a person may make an application to the Council to be granted a licence to carry on a relevant activity in premises specified in the application.

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We object to the above clause, i.e. Part IV, Licences, No.19. We feel that only the professionals specialized in Human Reproductive Technology should be allowed to apply to the Council for the licence to carry on a relevant activity in premises specified in the application in order to ensure that the practice of Human Reproductive Technology is performed ethically and up to the professional standard.

3. Regarding Part IV, Licences

21. *Determination of application*

- (2) *The Council shall not grant a licence to an applicant unless it is satisfied that-*
- (a) *the application concerned is-*
 - (i) *for a licence designating an individual, not being the applicant, as the person under whose supervision the relevant activity to be authorized by the licence is to be carried on; and*
 - (ii) *made with the consent of the individual;*

We object to the above clause, i.e. Part IV, No.21(2)(a)(i) & (ii). If only the professionals specialized in Human Reproductive Technology are allowed to apply to the Council for the licence, we feel that it is not necessary to designate an individual to supervise the relevant activity of the applicant under the licence. Also, the requirement of the prior consent of that individual to the application for license should be deleted.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

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