

**Bills Committee on  
Employees Compensation Assistance (Amendment) Bill 2002**

**Re-apportionment of Relief Payment  
upon the Death of One of the Eligible Persons**

**Introduction**

This paper provides information on the re-apportionment of relief payment upon the death of one of the eligible persons as requested by Members of the Bills Committee in the meeting held on 5 June 2002.

**Re-apportionment of Relief Payment**

2. The new section 20F(1)(a) provides that where two or more eligible persons are entitled to receive a relief payment in respect of a deceased employee, then the relief payment shall be apportioned to the eligible persons either on a pro-rata basis or on an equal share basis, as the case may be. If an eligible person has died, the monthly relief payment shall be re-apportioned to the remaining eligible persons in proportion to the outstanding amount of relief payment respectively due to them in accordance with the new section 20F(1)(b).

3. Our intention is that the re-apportionment shall be made by the Board at the time when any of the eligible person dies and be made in proportion to the outstanding amount of relief payment respectively due to the remaining eligible persons at the time of the death of the eligible person.

4. In the case where the death of an eligible person comes to the notice of the Board, say, several months after his death, the Board shall re-apportion the monthly payment in proportion to the outstanding sum of relief payment respectively due to the remaining eligible persons at the time of the death of the eligible person. The adjusted ratios resulting from the re-apportionment shall be adopted by the Board in calculating the amount of monthly payment due to each remaining eligible person since the death of that eligible person.