# 立法會 Legislative Council

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**Bills Committee on Occupational Deafness** (Compensation) (Amendment) Bill 2002

Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting held on Tuesday, 11 March 2003 at 10:45 am in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

Members : Dr Hon LO Wing-lok (Chairman)

**Present** Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP

Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan Hon LEE Cheuk-yan Hon CHAN Kwok-keung Hon Bernard CHAN, JP Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

Hon LI Fung-ying, JP

Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung

Members : Hon Albert HO Chun-yan Absent Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP

Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP

Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS

Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, GBS, JP

Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

**Member**: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP

Attending

**Public Officers**: Mrs Jenny CHAN, JP

**Attending** Assistant Commissioner for Labour

(Employees' Rights and Benefits)

Dr LO Wai-kee

Occupational Health Consultant

Labour Department

Mr CHEUNG Hon-chung Senior Occupational Hygienist

Labour Department

Mrs Bernadette LAI Senior Labour Officer Labour Department

Mr Sunny CHAN

Senior Government Counsel

Miss Amy CHAN **Government Counsel** 

Invitation

**Deputations by** : Ng Fung Hong Slaughter House

Mr FAN Kwok-kong

Deputy Managing Director

Mr CHENG Kin-man Pig Section Supervisor

Sheung Shui Slaughter House

Tsuen Wan Slaughter House

Mr WONG Wah-chu General Manager

Mr NG Hok-chung Deputy Manager

Clerk in Attendance : Ms Doris CHAN

Chief Assistant Secretary (2) 4

Staff in Attendance

: Miss Kitty CHENG Assistant Legal Adviser 5

Ms Dora WAI

Senior Assistant Secretary (2) 4

#### I. Confirmation of minutes

(LC Paper No. CB(2)1435/02-03)

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2003 were confirmed.

### II. Meeting with deputations

(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1423/02-03(01), (05) and CB(2)1439/02-03(01))

2. <u>The Bills Committee</u> received views on the Bill from Ng Fung Hong Slaughter House and Tsuen Wan Slaughter House. It also noted the submissions from the H.K. & Kln. Mahjong Shop's Association and the Hong Kong Live Pig and Meat Trade Workers Union.

#### III. Meeting with the Administration

(LC Paper No. CB(2)1423/02-03(02))

- 3. The Bills Committee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at Annex).
- 4. <u>The Bills Committee</u> requested the Administration to provide a written response to the following -
  - (a) detailed explanation of how the personal daily noise exposures of mahjong parlour workers (namely substitute players, attendants and cashiers) were measured, and providing figures showing the distribution of different noise levels exposed to these workers during their entire shift of duty in a day; and
  - (b) whether the Administration would consider introducing a definition of "discotheque" under the Bill.

## IV. Date of next meeting

- 5. <u>The Bills Committee</u> agreed that the next meeting will be held on 20 March 2003 at 8:30 am to continue discussion with the Administration.
- 6. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:50 pm.

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#### **Annex**

## Proceedings of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Bills Committee on Occupational Deafness (Compensation) (Amendment) Bill 2002 on Tuesday, 11 March 2003 at 10:45 am in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
000000 - 000212	Chairman	Introductory remarks	required
000213 - 000428	Ng Fung Hong Slaughter House Chairman	Presentation of views	
000429 - 000801	Tsuen Wan Slaughter House Chairman	Presentation of views as set out in LC Paper No. CB(2)1423/02-03(05)	
000802 - 004157	Mr CHAN Kwok-keung Mr Kenneth TING Administration Chairman Ng Fung Hong Slaughter House Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Ms Cyd HO Mr Tommy CHEUNG	Measurement of personal daily noise exposure of workers engaged in noisy occupations	
004158 - 004517	Ng Fung Hong Slaughter House Tsuen Wan Slaughter House Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Administration	Implications of the proposal concerning the addition of four new noisy occupations on employers	
004518 - 005836	Mr LEE Cheuk-yan Administration Ng Fung Hong Slaughter House Mr Kenneth TING Chairman Ms LI Fung-ying	<ul> <li>(a) Proposal to expand the scope of protection to cover workers exposing to a daily noise level slightly below 90dB(A)</li> <li>(b) Protective measures against occupational deafness</li> </ul>	
005837 - 010505	Mr Tommy CHEUNG Administration	<ul> <li>(a) Employment requirement for entitlement to compensation and whether compensation would be made with retrospective effect</li> <li>(b) Hearing test for workers engaged in noisy occupations</li> </ul>	
010506 - 011636	Mr Andrew CHENG Administration Chairman	Measurement of personal daily noise exposure of workers engaged in mahjong parlours	Administration to provide a response [see paragraph 4(a) of minutes]
011637 - 012210	Ms Cyd HO Administration	Statutory control of noise at work	
012211 - 013508	Mr Tommy CHEUNG Administration Chairman Ng Fung Hong Slaughter House Mr LEE Cheuk-yan	Protective measures against occupational deafness	
013509 - 020251	Mr Tommy CHEUNG Administration Chairman Ms Cyd HO Assistant Legal Adviser 5 Mr Andrew CHENG Mr LEE Cheuk-yan	Need for a definition of "discotheque" under the Bill	Administration to provide a response [see paragraph 4(b) of minutes]

		Ms LI Fung-ying Mr Michael MAK		
Ī	020252 - 020421	Chairman	Date of next meeting	

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