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Bills Committee on
Bills Committee on Electronic Transaction (Amendment) Bill 2003

Minutes of meeting
held on Monday, 23 February 2004, at 4:30 pm
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

- Members present** : Hon SIN Chung-kai (Chairman)
Dr Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, GBS, JP
Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
- Members absent** : Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, JP
Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP
- Public officers** : Mrs Betty FUNG, JP
Attending Deputy Secretary for Commerce, Industry and
Technology (Communications and Technology)
- Miss Adeline WONG
Principal Assistant Secretary for Commerce,
Industry and Technology
(Communications and Technology)
- Mr Stephen MAK, JP
Deputy Director of Information Technology Services
- Mr Michael LAM
Senior Government Counsel
- Clerk in attendance** : Miss Polly YEUNG
Chief Council Secretary (1)3

Staff in attendance : Ms Connie FUNG
Assistant Legal Adviser 3

Ms Debbie YAU
Senior Council Secretary (1)1

I Election of Chairman

Dr Eric LI, member of the Bills Committee who had the highest precedence among the members present, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Bills Committee and invited nominations for the chairmanship.

2. Mr SIN Chung-kai was nominated by Mr HUI Cheung-ching and the nomination was seconded by Dr Eric LI. Mr SIN accepted the nomination.

3. There being no other nominations, Mr SIN Chung-kai was elected Chairman of the Bills Committee. Mr SIN then took over the chair.

II Meeting with the Administration

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| LC Paper No. CB(3)734/02-03 | - The Bill |
| ITBB/IT 107/4/1(03) Pt.29 | - The Legislative Council Brief issued by the Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau on 11 June 2003 |
| LC Paper No. LS126/02-03 | - The Legal Service Division Report on the Bill |
| LC Paper No. CB(1)985/03-04 | - Background brief on Electronic Transactions (Amendment) Bill 2003 prepared by the Secretariat |
| LC Paper No. CB(1)1053/03-04(01) | - Marked-up copy of the Bill |
| LC Paper No. CB(1)1053/03-04(02) | - Letter dated 16 January 2004 from the Assistant Legal Adviser (ALA) to the Administration |
| LC Paper No. CB(1)1053/03-04(03) | - Reply dated 19 February 2004 from the Administration to ALA's letter of 16 January 2004 |
| LC Paper No. CB(1)1053/03-04(04) | - Copies of the relevant provisions referred to in Schedule 3 to the Bill |

LC Paper No. CB(1)1077/03-04(01) - Powerpoint material on the Bill
(tabled at the meeting and provided by the Administration.
subsequently issued on 24.2.2004)

4. The Bills Committee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at Appendix).
5. The Administration briefed members on the Bill.

Date of next meeting

6. Members agreed that interested parties, in particular those which had previously submitted views to the Bills Committee on Electronic Transactions Bill and/or in the public consultation in March and April 2002 on the review of the Electronic Transactions Ordinance (Cap.553) should be invited to submit views on the Bill. They would also be invited to indicate whether they wished to attend a future meeting of the Bills Committee to give oral presentations. To allow interested parties sufficient time to prepare their submissions, if any, members also agreed that the deadline for submissions should be 31 March 2004. A general invitation for submissions should also be placed on the web site of the Legislative Council.

(Post-meeting note: The Bills Committee has posted a general notice on the web site of the Council to invite submissions on 25 February 2004. It has also written to organizations/ individuals and the 18 District Councils inviting them to provide written submissions and to indicate their interest in attending a future meeting of the Bills Committee. Members have been informed of the arrangements and invited to propose other invitees vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1152/03-04 issued on 1 March 2004).

7. In order that scrutiny of the Bill could proceed without delay, the Chairman proposed and members agreed to commence clause-by-clause examination of the Bill at the next meeting of the Bills Committee to be held on 17 March 2004.

III Any other business

8. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:00 pm.

Council Business Division 1
Legislative Council Secretariat
11 March 2004

**Proceedings of the meeting of the
Bills Committee on Electronic Transaction (Amendment) Bill 2003
on Monday, 23 February 2004, at 4:30 pm
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

Time Marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action Required
000000 - 000604	Dr Eric LI Mr HUI Cheung-ching Mr SIN Chung-kai	Election of Chairman.	
000605 - 001622	The Chairman The Administration	<u>CB(1)1077/03-04(01)</u> Briefing by the Administration.	
001623 - 002328	Mr HUI Cheung-ching Dr Eric LI The Administration	Preparation of assessment report and statutory declaration under the voluntary recognition scheme for Certification Authorities.	
002329 - 003042	Members The Administration	Members agreed to (a) invite submissions on the Bill; and (b) commence clause-by-clause examination of the Bill at the second meeting of the Bills Committee to be held on 17 March 2004, at 10:45 am.	