

LC Paper No. CB(1)2278/02-03

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Bills Committee on Companies (Amendment) Bill 2003

Minutes of the first meeting held on Friday, 18 July 2003, at 2:00 pm in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

:	Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP (Chairman) Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, GBS, JP Hon CHAN Kam-lam, JP Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
:	Hon Albert HO Chun-yan Hon SIN Chung-kai Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS, JP
:	Ms Anita SIT Chief Assistant Secretary (1)6
:	Miss Monna LAI Assistant Legal Adviser 7 Mr Matthew LOO Senior Assistant Secretary (1)3
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I Election of Chairman

Ms Audrey EU was elected Chairman of the Bills Committee.

II The Way forward

2. The Bills Committee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Appendix**).

Invitation for public views

3. The Bills Committee agreed that public views on the Bill should be sought, and the Clerk would -

- (a) arrange for the invitation of public views by uploading a general invitation notice onto the website of the Legislative Council and issuing a press release;
- (b) issue letters to individuals/organizations who/which had been invited by the Administration to give views on the proposals contained in the Bill; and
- (c) issue letters to individuals/organizations who/which had been invited by the Bills Committee on Companies (Amendment) Bill 2002 to give views on that Bill.

4. The Bills Committee also agreed that a meeting should be held on 16 October 2003 to receive public views.

(*Post-meeting note*: The invitation note was published on the LegCo Website and the press release was issued on 21 July 2003. Letters were also issued to relevant organizations in July 2003. Members were invited to make suggestions on particular deputations to the meeting vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2265/02-03 dated 24 July 2003.)

Dates of future meetings

5. The Bills Committee agreed to hold the second and third meetings on 2 October and 16 October 2003, and to schedule the subsequent meetings on every other Thursday morning until June 2004.

(*Post-meeting note*: Subsequent to the meeting, on the advice of the Chairman, the second meeting of the Bills Committee was rescheduled to 11 September 2003 to meet with the Administration, and the meeting to receive public views was advanced to 2 October 2003 Notices of meeting were issued to members

vide LC Papers No. CB(1)2264/02-03 dated 23 July 2003 and CB(1)2265/02-03 dated 24 July 2003.)

III Any other business

6. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:10 pm.

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Appendix

Proceedings of the meeting of the Bills Committee on Companies (Amendment) Bill 2003

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Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
000000 - 000302	Mr Eric LI Mrs Sophie LEUNG Dr Philip WONG Ms Audrey EU Mr CHAN Kam-lam	Election of Chairman	
000303 - 000735	Chairman Mr CHAN Kam-lam Mr Eric LI Dr Philip WONG Mrs Sophie LEUNG ALA7	 Invitations for public views on the Bill Dates of next meetings 	Clerk to take actions as set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the minutes of meeting.

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