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## *Legislative Council*

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### **Bills Committee on Education Reorganization (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2002**

#### **Minutes of the third meeting on Saturday, 25 January 2003 at 9:30 am in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Chairman)  
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP  
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong  
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
- Members absent** : Hon LEE Cheuk-yan  
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP  
Hon SZETO Wah  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
- Public Officers attending** : Mrs Fanny LAW, JP  
Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower
- Mr Andrew POON  
Assistant Director of Education  
(Chief Inspector of Schools)
- Ms Grace LEUNG  
Government Counsel

**Clerk in attendance** : Mrs Percy MA  
Chief Assistant Secretary (2)3

**Staff in attendance** : Ms Bernice WONG  
Assistant Legal Adviser 1

Mr Paul WOO  
Senior Assistant Secretary (2)3

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Action

**I. Confirmation of minutes of meetings**  
(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)857 and 858/02-03)

The minutes of the meetings on 16 and 23 December 2002 were confirmed.

**II. Meeting with the Administration**  
(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)775 and 778/02-03; 860/02-03(01))

2. The Bills Committee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

3. On the concerns raised by members at the last meeting on 23 December 2002, Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower (PSEM) briefed members on the administrative arrangements introduced to rationalise the operation of the Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB) and the Education Department (ED) since 1 January 2003, pending the formal merger of EMB and ED.

4. Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong said that he was satisfied with the Administration's explanation given in its letter dated 28 December 2002 (LC Paper No. CB(2)775/02-03(01)) on the merger of EMB and ED.

5. Regarding the proposed terms of reference (ToR) of the Education Commission (EC) upon its merger with the Board of Education, Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong suggested and other members agreed that the reference to "the planning and development of early childhood and school education" should be removed from the ToR.

6. PSEM said that the Administration agreed to delete the reference after reporting the matter to EC at its next meeting. In response to the Bills Committee, PSEM agreed that the Secretary for Education and Manpower would give an undertaking in this respect at the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill.

Action

7. The Bills Committee agreed that a report of the Bills Committee would be made to the House Committee on 7 February 2003, and the Second Reading debate on the Bill be resumed at the Council meeting on 19 February 2003. The Chairman reminded members that the deadline for giving notice of Committee Stage amendments, if any, was 10 February 2003.
8. The meeting ended at 9:40 am.

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## Annex

**Proceedings of the third meeting of the Bills Committee on  
Education Reorganization (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2002  
on Saturday, 25 January 2003 at 9:30 am  
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

<b>Time marker</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Subject(s)</b>	<b>Action required</b>
000001-000249	Chairman Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong	Confirmation of minutes of meetings  Outstanding issues arising from the last meeting	
000250-000414	Admin	Explanation on administrative arrangements introduced since 1 January 2003 to rationalise the operation of the Education and Manpower Bureau and the Education Department	
000415-000825	Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Admin Chairman Mrs Selina Chow	Proposed amendment to the revised terms of reference (ToR) of the Education Commission (EC) upon merger with the Board of Education by deleting the reference to "the planning and development of early childhood and school education"	
000826-000839	Chairman Admin	The Secretary for Education and Manpower (SEM) to give an undertaking in relation to the amendment to the ToR of EC at the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill	SEM to give the undertaking
000840-001109	Chairman	Legislative timetable for the Bill	

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