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Bills Committee on Education (Amendment) Bill 2002

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 5 May 2004 from 8:30 am to 12:45 pm in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

Members present	: Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Chairman) Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP Hon LEE Cheuk-yan Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP Hon SZETO Wah Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Public Officers attending	 Mr M Y CHENG Deputy Secretary for Education and Manpower (3) Mr Andrew POON Principal Assistant Secretary for Education and Manpower (Quality Assurance)
	Mrs YU LAW Siu-man Senior Education Officer (School Registration and Compliance) Education and Manpower Bureau
	Mr Gilbert MO Deputy Law Draftsman (Bilingual Drafting and Administration) Department of Justice

	Mr W L CHEUNG Senior Government Counsel Department of Justice
Clerk in attendance	: Ms Doris CHAN Chief Council Secretary (2)2
Staff in attendance	: Ms Bernice WONG Assistant Legal Adviser 1 Mr Stanley MA Senior Council Secretary (2)6
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I. Meeting with the Administration $II \subset Paper No = CP(2)2066/03 04(02)$

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The Bills Committee deliberated on Clause 17 of the Bill (proposed sections 40AQ to 40BF under Part III of the Education Ordinance - Index of proceedings at **Annex**).

Proposed section 40AQ - Provisions applicable to alternate managers

2. <u>Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong</u> considered that the Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower (PSEM) should not refuse the registration of an Incorporated Management Committee (IMC) manager or cancel the registration of an IMC manager who was elected by his voters on the ground that he was not accepted by the majority of IMC managers. <u>Ms Audrey EU</u> and <u>Ms Emily LAU</u> expressed support for Mr CHEUNG's view. <u>Members</u> in general considered that removal of an IMC manager from office should follow the procedures for his election. <u>The Administration</u> undertook to consider excluding IMC schools from sections 30(2) and 31(2)(a), and deleting the reference to the two sections from proposed new section 40AQ(4).

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3. The Bills Committee requested the Administration to -

Proposed section 40AS - Filling of vacancies to maintain full composition

(a) consider extending the period for an IMC to forward to PSEM an application of a qualified person to fill the vacancy in the office of a manager from one to three months;

(b) review the mechanism or procedures for an IMC to maintain full composition if a qualified person was not nominated to fill a vacancy within a period of three months;

Proposed section 40AT - Expiry of term of office

(c) consider whether it overlapped with the supervisor's function under proposed section 40AJ;

Proposed section 40AU - Resignation, etc. of manager

(d) consider whether it overlapped with the supervisor's function under proposed section 40AJ;

Proposed section 40AV - Vacation of office of teacher manager, etc.

- (e) specify the requirement that a principal must make a written request to IMC for the cancellation or the registration of a teacher manager or an alternate teacher manager following a resolution passed by the teachers and (where applicable) specialist staff;
- (f) provide that an IMC might vacate the office of an independent manager;

Proposed section 40AW - Constitution of IMC

- (g) amend proposed new section 40AW(2), (3) and (4) to the effect that an IMC might amend its constitution without the prior written approval of PSEM, but any amendment reported to PSEM might be returned if it did not comply with the laws of Hong Kong;
- (h) set out the criteria for approval of an IMC constitution by PSEM;

Proposed section 40AX - delegation of functions

 review the scope of an IMC's power to delegate its functions to its managers, and consider whether an IMC could delegate any function, except those specified under sections 40AD and 40AE, to a manager or an alternate manager for a general or particular purpose;

Proposed section 40AY - Director's nominee may attend meeting

(j) specify the justifications for PSEM to nominate persons to attend IMC meetings under section 40AY(1), and review the need for

the section having regard to the existing powers of PSEM to intervene in the management of a school under section 41;

Proposed section 40BC - Dissolution

(k) consider adding a provision to specify that properties not owned by the committee shall be returned to owners in the event of the dissolution of an IMC; and

Proposed section 40BF - Register of interests

 consider allowing public access to the register of declarations and disclosures made by IMC managers under sections 40BD and 40BE respectively.

Other issues

Admin 4. <u>Ms Emily LAU</u> requested the Administration to highlight the areas of operation of Government schools which were consistent or not consistent with the requirements of the Bill, and provide justifications for any inconsistencies.

II. Any other business

Date of next and future meetings

5. <u>Members</u> noted that the next meeting would be held at 8:30 am on 12 May 2004 in Conference Room A. <u>Members</u> also agreed to hold meetings on 21 May 2004 after the House Committee meeting and on 2 and 9 June 2004 from 8:30 am to 12:45 pm.

6. The meeting ended at 12:45 pm.

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Annex

Proceedings of the meeting of the Bills Committee on Education (Amendment) Bill 2002 on Wednesday, 5 May 2004 from 8:30 am to 12:45 pm in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

Time marker	Speaker	Subjects	Action
			required
0000 - 0650	Chairman	Date of future meetings.	See para 5 of
	Ms Emily LAU		the minutes
	Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong		
Meeting with th	ne Administration : Clause by	y clause examination of the Bill	
0651 - 4240	Chairman	Section 40AQ : Provisions applicable to	
	Admin	alternate managers	
	Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong		
	Ms Audrey EU	the power of PSEM to refuse the	See para 2 of
	Ms Emily LAU	registration of a manager under section	the minutes
	ALA1	30(2) and to cancel the registration of a	
	Mr Tommy CHEUNG	manager under section 31(2)(a); and	
	Mr SZETO Wah		
		Vacation of the office of an independent	See para 3(f) of
		manager.	the minutes
4241 - 5150	Chairman	Section 40AR : Endorsement of application	
	Admin	for registration as manager	
	Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong		
	Ms Audrey EU		
	Ms Emily LAU		

5151 - 015220	Chairman	Section 40AS : Filling of vacancies to	
5151 - 015220			
	Admin	maintain full composition	
	Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong		
	ALA1	- Period for nomination of qualified	_
	Ms Emily LAU	person to fill any vacancy in the office	of the minutes
	Ms Audrey EU	of a manager;	
	Mr SZETO Wah		
	Mr YEUNG Yiu-chung	- Mechanism or procedures for	See para 3(b)
		maintaining full composition of an	of the minutes
		IMC; and	
		- Consistency between the operation of	See para 4 of
			the minutes
			the minutes
		requirements under the Bill.	
015221 - 020650	Chairman	Section 40AT : Expiry of term of office	
	Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong		
	Admin	Drafting of the section; and	See para 3(c)
	ALA1		of the minutes
	Ms Audrey EU	Section 40ATA : Parent manager or	
	Mr SZETO Wah	independent managers ceases to hold office	
		under certain circumstances	
020651 - 020842	Chairman	Section 40AU : Resignation, etc. of	
	Admin	manager	
	Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong		
	Ms Emily LAU	Drafting of the section.	See para 3(d)
			of the minutes
020843 - 022900		Break	
022901 - 023230	Chairman	Section 40AV : Vacation of office of	
	Admin	teacher managers, etc	
	Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong		
		Cancellation of registration of a manager or	See para 3(e)
		an alternate manager.	of the minutes

Ad	hairman dmin Ir CHEUNG Man-kwong Ir LEE Cheuk-yan	 Section 40AW : Constitution of incorporated management committee Approval for amendment to an IMC constitution; and 	See para 3(g)
М	Ir CHEUNG Man-kwong	- Approval for amendment to an IMC	See noro 3(g)
	-		See noro 3(g)
	IT LEE Cneuk-yan		
		constitution: and	
			of the minutes
		- Criteria for approving IMC constitution	See para 3(h)
		and its amendments.	of the minutes
023851 - 030130 Cł	hairman	Section 40AX : Delegation of functions	
A	dmin		
М	Ir CHEUNG Man-kwong	Scope of IMC's power to delegate its	See para 3(i) of
A	LA1	functions to managers.	the minutes
М	Is Emily LAU		
	Ir LEUNG Yiu-chung		
	hairman	Section 40AY : Director's nominee may	
Ad	dmin	attend meeting	
М	Ir LEE Cheuk-yan		
М	Ir LEUNG Yiu-chung	Justifications for PSEM's power to	See para 3(j) of
М	Ir CHEUNG Man-kwong	nominate persons to attend IMC meeting	the minutes
		and need of the section.	
031846 - 032000 Cł	hairman	Section 40AZ : Accounts of IMC	
Ad	dmin		
032001 - 032220 Cł	hairman	Section 40BA : Service of documents	
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	Ir CHEUNG Man-kwong		
A	dmin		
032221 - 033050 Cł	hairman	Section 40BB : Restrictions on execution of	
М	Ir CHEUNG Man-kwong	judgment by writ of fieri facias	
033051 - 033630 Cł	hairman	Section 40BC : Dissolution	
A	dmin		
		Return of land or properties to owners after	See para 3(k)
	LA1	dissolution of an IMC.	of the minutes
			s. une minutes

033631 - 033900	Chairman	Section 40BD : Declaration of pecuniary or	
	Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong	other personal interests annually	
	Admin		
033901 - 040010	Chairman	Section 40BE : Disclosure of pecuniary or	
	Admin	other personal interests	
	Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong		
	Ms Audrey EU		
	ALA1		
040011 - 041425	Chairman	Section 40BF : Register of interests	
	Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong		
	Admin	Access to the register of declarations and	See para 3(l) of
	Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung	disclosures made under sections 40BD and	the minutes
	Mr LEE Cheuk-yan	40BE.	

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