Bills Committee on Construction Industry Levy (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2003

Administration's Responses to Issue raised by the Bills Committee

Purpose

This paper sets out the Administration's responses to the issue raised by the Bills Committee at its meeting held on 10 November 2003.

Background

2. At the meeting, Members requested the Administration to consider expanding the composition of the Construction Industry Training Authority (CITA) Board from 13 members to 14 members so that the existing two seats for the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) on the CITA Board could be retained.

Representation of HKIE on the CITA Board

3. The proposed amendments to the composition of the CITA Board under Clause 7 of the Bill were discussed by the Bills Committee at its meetings on 17 October and 10 November 2003. We have reconsidered the proposed amendments. We do not favour enlarging the size of the CITA Board to accommodate representatives from the E&M trade. The CITA Board has been operating smoothly with 13 members and we believe there is room to make internal adjustments to allow E&M contractors and workers to be represented. Accordingly, we have revised the proposed composition of the CITA Board as shown in the Appendix. This revised proposal introduces only minimal changes to the existing composition of the CITA Board. In short, we have used the two vacancies arising from the deletion of two representatives nominated by the Building and Civil Engineering Industry Training Board of the Vocational Training Council to accommodate the representatives of E&M contractors and workers.

4. We have consulted the CITA Board on 18 November 2003 and obtained its endorsement of the revised proposal.

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Revised Membership

Chapter:	317	Title:	INDUSTRIAL TRAINING
			(CONSTRUCTION
			INDUSTRY)
			ORDINANCE
Section:	7	Heading:	Constitution of
			Authority

- (1) The Authority shall consist of 13 members appointed by the Chief Executive of whom-
 - (a) 2 shall be persons nominated by the Hong Kong Construction Association Limited;
 - (b) 1 shall be a person nominated by the Hong Kong Federation of Electrical and Mechanical Contractors Limited;
 - (c) 1 shall be a person nominated by the Hong Kong Institute of Architects;
 - (d) 1 shall be a person nominated by the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors;
 - (e) 1 shall be a structural engineer nominated by the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers;
 - (f) 1 shall be a civil engineer nominated by the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers;
 - (g) 1 shall be a person who holds office as an official of a trade union representing workers other than E&M workers employed in the construction industry;
 - (ga) 1 shall be a person who holds office as an official of a trade union representing E&M workers employed in the construction industry;
 - (h) 1 shall be a person nominated by the Executive Director of the Vocational Training Council;
 - (i) 2 shall be public officers; and
 - (j) 1 shall be a person, not being a public officer or person connected with any of the organizations mentioned in the above.