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**Bills Committee on
Education (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2003**

**Minutes of meeting
held on Wednesday, 16 July 2003 at 10:45 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Chairman)
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

Public Officers attending : Mr Andrew POON
Principal Assistant Secretary for Education and
Manpower (Quality Assurance)

Ms Susanna CHEUNG
Principal Assistant Secretary for Education and
Manpower (Professional Development and
Training)

Mrs YU LAW Siu-man
Senior Education Officer (Education Ordinance Review
and Compliance)

Ms Carmen CHU
Senior Government Counsel
Department of Justice

Clerk in attendance : Miss Flora TAI
Chief Assistant Secretary (2)2

Staff in attendance : Mr KAU Kin-wah
Assistant Legal Adviser 6

Mr Stanley MA
Senior Assistant Secretary (2)6

I. Election of Chairman

Ms Cyd HO was elected Chairman of the Bills Committee.

II. Meeting with the Administration

[Legislative Council Brief : EMB(SCR) 22/58/03 Pt.5]

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

Raising the professional standards of teachers

3. Members expressed support for the policy direction of raising the professional standards of teachers. They, however, were of the view that serving permitted teachers (PTs) had reasonable expectations that they could become registered teachers (RTs) under the existing arrangements by accumulating years of service without going through proper teacher training. If the existing arrangements would be abolished, a transitional period should be allowed. Members requested the Administration -

- (a) to provide the justification (inclusive of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Teacher Education and Qualifications) for abolishing the existing arrangements;
- (b) to provide for a transitional period for serving PTs to register as RTs subject to such requirements for taking approved education programmes as the Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower might specify;
- (c) to specify a deadline for serving PTs to register their intention to pursue an approved teacher education programme if a transitional period was provided for ; and

- (d) to grant priority to these PTs in the allocation of places of approved teacher education programmes.

4. Members also requested the Administration -

- (a) to consider applying the proposed qualification requirements of post-secondary level to PTs teaching grammatical secondary school courses in educational institutions other than full day schools e.g. matriculation classes in tutorial schools; and
- (b) to consult the views of tutorial school operators on the impact of the proposal in paragraph 4(a) above.

Registration of day and evening schools

5. Members requested the Administration -

- (a) to explain the application of the proposal of requiring only one registration for a day and evening school to different modes of school operation e.g. a Direct Subsidy Scheme school running a self-financing evening school and a evening school running in an aided school by a different school sponsoring body; and
- (b) to elaborate on the accounting arrangements and requirements for a evening school if section 10(2) of the existing Education Ordinance (the Ordinance) was repealed.

Appeal Boards Panel

6. Members requested the Administration -

- (a) to explain the justifications for proposing a new Appeal Boards Panel to replace the Appeals Board under existing section 59 of the Ordinance, and elaborate on the role and functions of the proposed Appeal Boards Panel, its composition and operation as well as the criteria for the appointment of its members;
- (b) to explain the reasons for not specifying in the proposed amended section 59 that at least three of the members of the proposed Appeal Boards Panel shall be RTs and that an Appeal Board shall not hear or determine any appeal concerning the registration of a teacher or the cancellation of the registration of a teacher unless the members comprising the Appeal Board included RTs, as similar provisions had been included in the existing section 59 of the Ordinance; and

- (c) to further elaborate on the rationale for allowing the Secretary for Justice to appoint any legally qualified person to assist an Appeal Board.

7. The Administration also agreed to provide a written response to the questions raised by Mr CHEUNG Man-Kwong as listed in his letter [LC Paper No.CB(2) 2831/02-03(02)].

III. Any other business

8. Members agreed that after perusal of the Administration's response to the issues raised at the meeting, the Bills Committee would discuss at the next meeting to be held in September 2003 the way forward in respect of meeting deputations.

9. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:25 pm.

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**Proceedings of the meeting of the Bills Committee on
Education (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2003
on Wednesday, 16 July 2003 at 10:45 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
0000 - 0140	Ms Cyd HO	Election of Chairman	
0141 - 1218	Admin	Briefing on the proposals of the Bill.	
1219 - 1738	Chairman Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Ms Emily LAU	Consultation on the proposals of the Bill.	See para 4(b) of the minutes
1739 - 2158	Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Admin Chairman	Accounting requirements and arrangements arising from one registration for a day and evening school under different modes of operation.	See para 5(a) and (b) of the minutes
2159 - 2648	Dr YEUNG Sum Admin	Transitional arrangements for PTs to become RTs.	
2649 - 3758	Ms Audrey EU Admin Chairman	Appointment of legally qualified persons to assist an Appeal Board; and Flexibility in employment of native English-speaking teachers.	See para 6(c) of the minutes
3759 - 5811	Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Admin Chairman	Transitional arrangements for PTs who had a substantial teaching experience to acquire a RT status.	See para 7 of the minutes
5812 - 010728	Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Chairman Admin	Right of PTs to become RTs by accumulation of sufficient approved teaching experience under the existing Ordinance.	

010729 - 012313	Ms Emily LAU Admin Chairman Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong	Transitional arrangements for raising the professional standards of PTs.	See para 3(a), (b),(c) and (d) of the minutes
012314 - 012837	Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Admin Chairman	Application of the proposed qualification requirement for PTs teaching grammatical secondary school subjects such as matriculation classes in tutorial schools.	See para 4(a) of the minutes
012838 - 013534	Chairman Admin Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong	Role, functions, composition and operation of the proposed Appeal Boards Panel.	See para 6(a) and (b) of the minutes
013535 - 013613	Chairman	Date of next meeting	Clerk

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