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Bills Committee on Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2003

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 28 May 2003 at 10:45 pm in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

Members Present	: Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, GBS, JP (Chairman) Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP Hon James TO Kun-sun Hon SIN Chung-kai Hon Howard YOUNG, JP Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, GBS, JP Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP Hon WONG Sing-chi Hon IP Kwok-him, JP Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Member Attending	: Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Members Absent	: Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung
Public Officers Attending	 Mr Stephen FISHER Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs (2) Ms Esther LEUNG Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (5)

Mr Ryan CHIU Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (5)1

Mr W L CHEUNG Senior Government Counsel (Law Drafting Division) Department of Justice

Attendance by Invitation : Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union

Mr CHOW Ka-kong Senate Vice-Chairman

Mrs NG Shuk-ying Organization Department Director

The Great Coalition to Oppose Legalization of Soccer Betting

Mr WONG Hak-lim Chairman

Union of Heads of Aided Primary Schools of Hong Kong

Mr TANG Siu-hung Policy Officer

Cooperation Scheme of School and Social Work

Mr TANG Wai-hung Member

Hong Kong Christian Anti-Soccer Gambling Alliance

Rev WU Chi-wai Chairman

Mr Michael CHAN Wing-ho Secretary

Abundant Life Christian Church

Mr CHAN Young-man Senior Reverend Mr YAU Chi-leung Pastor

Kowloon General Association of Owners & Tenants

Mr TANG Hoi-tung Chairman

Mr WONG Bing-sang President

Touch the Bugs Hotline (Lutheran Media Centre)

Ms Ellen MAK Director

Ms Katherine LAM Family Ministries Officer

ELCHK Tuen Mun Lutheran Church

Rev LI Hung-pui Minister-in-charge

Hong Kong Christian Service

Dr Alvin KWOK Professional Assistant

Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union of Hong Kong

Rev Jeremiah CHU Officer of Research and Education

Hong Kong Christian Council

Rev Hans LUTZ Executive Secretary

The Hong Kong Association for School Discipline and Counselling Teachers

Mr TAM Ping-yuen President

Hong Kong Cell Church Ministry Training College

Mr CHUNG Hung-biu Administrator

Shepherd Community Grace Church Tuen Yuan Congregation

Mr Timothy CHUI Community Concern Group Team Leader

Miss Jadie POON Reverend

Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service

Miss CHAN Wai-hung Social Worker

Miss CHUNG Lai-ling Social Worker

Christian and Missionary Alliance Hau Tak Church

Mr CHEUNG Sui-kuen Pastor

Chinese Coordination Centre of World Evangelism

Rev Dr TSANG Sik-wah Assistant General Secretary

Rehabilitation Centre for Problem Gamblers of the Industrial Evangelistic Fellowship

Mr POON Yan-chi Director

Kei Fuk Alliance Church

Mr Elvin K YEUNG Pastor

	Individuals
	Mr LAI Chi-lap Member of Yau Tsim Mong District Council
	Mr John LEE
	Miss Helen FU Dan-mui
	Mr CHUNG Kim-wah Assistant Professor, Department of Applied Social Sciences of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University
	Rev CHAK Ho-chuen
Clerk in Attendance	: Miss Flora TAI Chief Assistant Secretary (2)2
Staff in Attendance	: Mr Stephen LAM Assistant Legal Adviser 4
	Miss Lolita SHEK Senior Assistant Secretary (2)7

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Action

I. Meeting with the Administration and deputations

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)2198/02-03(01) to (12), CB(2)2233/02-03(01) and CB(2)2248/02-03(01) to (12)]

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

2. The Bills Committee received the views from the following 25 deputations and individuals on the Bill -

- (a) Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union;
- (b) The Great Coalition to Oppose Legalization of Soccer Betting;
- (c) Union of Heads of Aided Primary Schools of Hong Kong;
- (d) Cooperation Scheme of School and Social Work;
- (e) Hong Kong Christian Anti-Soccer Gambling Alliance;

- (f) Abundant Life Christian Church;
- (g) Kowloon General Association of Owners & Tenants;
- (h) Touch the Bugs Hotline (Lutheran Media Centre);
- (i) ELCHK Tuen Mun Lutheran Church;
- (j) Hong Kong Christian Service;
- (k) Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union of Hong Kong;
- (l) Hong Kong Christian Council;
- (m) The Hong Kong Association for School Discipline and Counselling Teachers;
- (n) Hong Kong Cell Church Ministry Training College;
- (o) Shepherd Community Grace Church Tuen Yuan Congregation;
- (p) Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service;
- (q) Christian and Missionary Alliance Hau Tak Church;
- (r) Chinese Coordination Centre of World Evangelism;
- (s) Rehabilitation Centre for Problem Gamblers of the Industrial Evangelistic Fellowship;
- (t) Kei Fuk Alliance Church;
- (u) Mr LAI Chi-lap, member of Yau Tsim Mong District Council;
- (v) Mr John LEE;
- (w) Miss Helen FU Dan-mui;
- Mr CHUNG Kim-wah, Assistant Professor, Department of Applied Social Sciences of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University; and
- (y) Rev CHAK Ho-chuen.
- Adm 3. <u>The Administration</u> was requested to provide a written response to the views and concerns of deputations expressed in their submissions and at the meetings of the Bills Committee.

II. Any other business

Future meetings with deputations

4. <u>Members</u> noted that a total of 93 deputations and individuals had requested to present views on the Bill. To allow more time for the exchange of views among members, deputations and the Administration, <u>members</u> agreed that -

- (a) in addition to the meetings scheduled for 10 and 13 June 2003, the Bills Committee would also receive public views at its meeting on 16 June 2003;
- (b) 27 deputations and individuals would be invited to the meeting scheduled for 8:30 am on Tuesday, 10 June 2003 to present their views on the Bill as agreed at the last meeting on 23 May 2003, and the meeting would be extended for half an hour to end at 11 am;
- (c) a maximum of 20 deputations only should be invited to each of the meetings scheduled for 13 and 16 June 2003; and
- (d) each deputation and individual should be requested to provide submissions before the meeting concerned and make brief oral presentation of their views at the meeting within four minutes.

5. At Mr Andrew CHENG's request, <u>members</u> also agreed that representatives of the Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union, the Great Coalition to Oppose Legalization of Soccer Betting and the Hong Kong Christian Anti-Soccer Gambling Alliance, and Mr CHUNG Kim-wah would be invited to the meeting to be held on 16 June 2003 for further discussion of their views on the Bill with members. <u>The Chairman</u> suggested that to facilitate the discussion, Mr CHENG should put in writing the issues he wished to raise with the deputations concerned and Mr CHUNG Kim-wah so that they might respond in writing.

Date of next meeting

6. <u>Members</u> noted that the next meeting would be held on Friday, 6 June 2003 at around 5:15 pm immediately after the meeting of the House Committee scheduled for 4 pm on the same day.

7. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 1:25 pm.

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Annex

Proceedings of the meeting of the Bills Committee on Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2003 on Wednesday, 28 May 2003 at 10:45 am in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action
			required
0000 - 0507	Chairman	Welcoming remarks	
0508 - 1913	Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union	Presentation of views	
0914 - 1508	The Great Coalition to Oppose Legalization of Soccer Betting	Presentation of views	
1509 - 2038	Union of Heads of Aided Primary Schools of Hong Kong	Presentation of views	
2039 - 2254	Cooperation Scheme of School and Social Work	Presentation of views	
2255 - 3053	Hong Kong Christian Anti- Soccer Gambling Alliance	Presentation of views	
3054 - 3505	Abundant Life Christian Church	Presentation of views	
3506 - 4142	Kowloon General Association of Owners & Tenants	Presentation of views	
4143 - 4532	Touch the Bugs Hotline (Lutheran Media Centre)	Presentation of views	
4532 - 4939	ELCHK Tuen Mun Lutheran Church	Presentation of views	
4940 - 5414	Hong Kong Christian Service	Presentation of views	
5415 - 010147	Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union of Hong Kong	Presentation of views	
010148 - 010441	Hong Kong Christian Council	Presentation of views	
010442 - 010959	The Hong Kong Association for School Discipline and Counselling Teachers	Presentation of views	
011000 - 011142	Hong Kong Cell Church Ministry Training College	Presentation of views	
011143 - 011639	Shepherd Community Grace Church Tuen Yuan Congregation	Presentation of views	
011640 - 012132	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	Presentation of views	
012133 - 012351	Christian and Missionary Alliance Hau Tak Church	Presentation of views	
012352 - 012939	Chinese Coordination Centre of World Evangelism	Presentation of views	

012940 - 013621	Rehabilitation Centre for Problem Gamblers of the Industrial Evangelistic Fellowship	Presentation of views	
013622 - 013926	Kei Fuk Alliance Church	Presentation of views	
013927 - 014246	Mr LAI Chi-lap	Presentation of views	
014247 - 014806	Mr John LEE	Presentation of views	
014807 - 015356	Miss Helen FU Dan-mui	Presentation of views	
015357 - 015925	Mr CHUNG Kim-wah	Presentation of views	
015926 - 020202	Rev CHAK Ho-chuen	Presentation of views	
020203 - 020433	Hong Kong Christian Anti- Soccer Gambling Alliance	Presentation of views	
020434 - 021502	Chairman	Arrangements for future meetings with	
	Mr Andrew CHENG	deputations	
	Mr Tommy CHEUNG		
	The Hong Kong Association for School Discipline and Counselling Teachers		
021503 - 021718	The Great Coalition to	Response from the Admin to the concerns and	Admin
	Oppose Legalization of Soccer Betting		(see para. 3
	Chairman		of minutes
	Ms Cyd HO		of meeting)
021719 - 022403	Mr WONG Sing-chi	Arrangements for future meetings with	
	Mr Andrew CHENG	deputations	
	Chairman		
	Mr Tommy CHEUNG		
	Ms Cyd HO		
022404 - 023207	Chairman	Response from the Admin to the concerns and	
	Admin	issues raised by deputations	
	Hong Kong Christian Anti- Soccer Gambling Alliance		
	Rehabilitation Centre for Problem Gamblers of the Industrial Evangelistic Fellowship		

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