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Bills Committee on Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2003

**Minutes of meeting
held on Friday, 6 June 2003 at 5:15 pm
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members Present** : Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP
Hon Howard YOUNG, JP
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, GBS, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung
Hon WONG Sing-chi
Hon IP Kwok-him, JP
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
- Members Absent** : Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
- Public Officers Attending** : Mr Stephen FISHER
Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs (2)
- Ms Esther LEUNG
Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (5)
- Mrs Teresa CHU
Assistant Commissioner for Inland Revenue (3)

Mr Thomas LI
Senior Assessor (Research) (1)
Inland Revenue Department

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

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

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

Action

I. Meeting with the Administration

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)2339/02-03(01) and CB(2)2364/02-03(01)]

The Committee deliberated the paper provided by the Administration on licences for football betting and for lotteries (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

Adm 2. The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the following requests from some of the members –

- (a) to consider implementing measures to prevent parents from leaving their small children outside the betting outlets while they were placing bets there;
- (b) to consider extending the family viewing hours from 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm during which advertisement on football betting was not allowed on television or on the radio; and
- (c) to consider including in the Bill or licences for football betting provisions stipulating the types of matches and bets allowed, locations and operating hours of betting outlets, and age restriction on betting.

Adm 3. The Administration was also requested to provide the following information –

- (a) measures and codes of practice currently adopted by the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) in preventing admission of persons below 18 years of age to its betting premises, protecting children and adolescents from being attracted to gambling by advertisements, and protecting the privacy of winners;
- (b) number of warnings issued to HKJC for admitting persons below 18 years of age to its betting premises;
- (c) details of the codes of practices to be issued by Secretary for Home Affairs for the purpose of regulating the operation of licences for football betting; and
- (d) how the areas relating to the operation of football betting mentioned in paragraph 2(c) above were regulated in other countries, especially those in Asia.

II. Any other business

Dates of future meetings

4. In addition to the seven meetings already scheduled for June 2003, members agreed to conduct one more meeting on Monday, 16 June 2003 from 1 pm to 2:15 pm.

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

Council Business Division 2
Legislative Council Secretariat
4 July 2003

**Proceedings of the meeting of the Bills Committee on
Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2003
on Friday, 6 June 2003 at 5:15 pm
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action Required
0000 – 0130	Chairman	Confirmation of minutes of meetings on 9 and 23 May 2003	
0131 – 1215	Chairman Admin	Introduction of the paper provided by the Admin on licences for football betting and for lotteries	
1216 – 1605	Chairman Mr Howard YOUNG Admin	Credit for betting offered by illegal operators of football betting	
1606 – 2034	Chairman Ms Audrey EU Admin	Operating hours of Off-course Betting Branches Measures to prevent parents from leaving their small children outside the betting outlets while they were placing bets there	Admin (see para. 2(a) of minutes of meeting)
2035 – 4141	Chairman Mr Andrew CHENG Admin	Inclusion in the Bill provisions on the types of matches and bets allowed, locations and operating hours of betting outlets, and age restriction on betting	
4142 – 5337	Chairman Mr Michael MAK Admin	Measures to prevent admission of persons below 18 years of age to betting premises, protect children and adolescents from being attracted to gambling by advertisements, and protect the privacy of winners	Admin (see para. 3(a) and (b) of minutes of meeting)
5338 – 010702	Chairman Ms Cyd HO Admin	Extension of family viewing hours from 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm during which advertisement on football betting was not allowed on television or on the radio The role and power of the Gaming Commission	Admin (see para. 2(b) of minutes of meeting)
010703 – 013056	Chairman Mr Andrew CHENG Admin	Inclusion in the licences for football betting conditions stipulating the types of matches and bets allowed	Admin (see paras. 2(c), and 3(c) and (d) of minutes of meeting)
013057 - 014446	Chairman Mr Andrew CHENG Mr IP Kwok-him Mr Michael MAK	Dates of future meetings	