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Bills Committee on Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2003

Minutes of meeting
held on Tuesday, 10 June 2003 at 8:30 pm
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

- Members Present** : Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong
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 Michael MAK Kwok-fung
Hon IP Kwok-him, JP
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
- Members Absent** : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Sing-chi
- 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

Attendance by Invitation : Lawyers Christian Fellowship

Mr Eric CHEUNG Tat-ming
Member of the Social Concern Group

Mr Eric CHAN Cheong-wing
Member of the Social Concern Group

Christian & Missionary Alliance Goodrich Church

Mr WONG Yiu-tong
Church member

Mr CHEUNG Kwok-wai
Church member

Christian & Missionary Alliance Bradbury Kwai Fong
Study Centre

Mr CHEUNG Ka-ki
Voluntary Assistant

"Committee Against Authorization of Football Betting"
of the Christian & Missionary Alliance Lai Wan
Church

Rev TANG Wai-kwong
Pastor-in-charge

Ms SIU Po-wan
Pastor

Aberdeen Baptist Church

Mr Michael CHAN
Representative

The Baptist Convention of Hong Kong

Rev Sam LUK
President

Rev CHU Wood-ping
General Secretary

The Hong Kong Chinese Christian Churches Union

Mr CHAN Cheung-fu
Executive Secretary

Hong Kong Sex Culture Society Family Concern Group

Mr Douglas WONG
Committee member

Mr WONG Shun-shing
Committee member

Mongkok Baptist Church

Rev LAM Hoi-sing
Reverend

Mr LEE Fu-ho
Representative of the Community Concern Department

Echo Valley Evangelistic Association for the Handicaps
Ltd

Mr KWONG Wai-hang
General Secretary

Mr LEE Kwok-yin
Promotion Officer

China Alliance Press

Mr David HUI Chiu-ying
Director

Christian Grace Church

Mr NG Suen-che
Minister

A group of Secondary Five students

Miss CHENG Wai-ting
Representative

Miss SHIH Wai-kan
Representative

Christian Concern for the Homeless Association

Mr LO Ping-wai
Pastor

Individual

Mrs Mary LEUNG

Miss Jenny CHANG Wing-fai

Mr TAM Yiu-ting

Miss TAM Yat-chi

Dr KWAN Kai-man
Assistant Professor, Department of Religion and
Philosophy, Hong Kong Baptist University

Miss CHOI Siu-yan

Dr Sandra TSANG Kit-man
Associate Professor, Department of Social Work and
Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong

Ms LAM Siu-yan

Dr LO Koon-cheung
Associate Professor, Department of Journalism and
Communication, Chu Hai College

Ms WONG Yim-mei

Ms POON Lai-kwan

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 and deputations

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)2349/02-03(01) to (14), CB(2)2375/02-03(01) to (03) and CB(2)2397/02-03(01) to (03)]

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) Lawyers Christian Fellowship
- (b) Christian & Missionary Alliance Goodrich Church
- (c) Christian & Missionary Alliance Bradbury Kwai Fong Study Centre
- (d) "Committee Against Authorization of Football Betting" of the Christian & Missionary Alliance Lai Wan Church
- (e) Aberdeen Baptist Church
- (f) The Baptist Convention of Hong Kong
- (g) The Hong Kong Chinese Christian Churches Union
- (h) Hong Kong Sex Culture Society Family Concern Group
- (i) Mongkok Baptist Church
- (j) Echo Valley Evangelistic Association for the Handicaps Ltd
- (k) China Alliance Press
- (l) Christian Grace Church
- (m) A group of Secondary Five students
- (n) Christian Concern for the Homeless Association
- (o) Mrs Mary LEUNG
- (p) Miss Jenny CHANG Wing-fai

- (q) Mr TAM Yiu-ting
- (r) Miss TAM Yat-chi
- (s) Dr KWAN Kai-man
Assistant Professor, Department of Religion and Philosophy,
Hong Kong Baptist University
- (t) Miss CHOI Siu-yan
- (u) Dr Sandra TSANG Kit-man
Associate Professor, Department of Social Work and Social
Administration, The University of Hong Kong
- (v) Ms LAM Siu-yan
- (w) Dr LO Koon-cheung
Associate Professor, Department of Journalism and
Communication, Chu Hai College
- (x) Ms WONG Yim-mei
- (y) Ms POON Lai-kwan

Adm 3. The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the views and concerns of deputations expressed in their submissions and at the meeting. Some members requested the Administration to respond to the following concerns of deputations in particular -

- (a) experience from other countries had illustrated that authorization of football betting would not be effective in eliminating illegal football betting activities. The Administration should produce evidence and statistics to back up its argument that authorized football betting would be an effective tool in combating illegal gambling activities;
- (b) the Government had evaded its responsibilities in the past few years in not implementing public education programmes or conducting research on gambling and its impact on society;
- (c) despite the possible adverse effect on the development of the younger generation and the overwhelming opposition from educationalists and social workers, the Government had insisted on introducing the Bill to provide for authorized football betting; and

- (d) if football betting was authorized, individuals who had not gambled before might participate in football betting, hence the number of gamblers in Hong Kong would increase.

II. Any other business

Date of next meeting

- 4. Members noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 12 June 2003 at 8:30 am to discuss with the Administration.
- 5. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:10 am.

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Annex

Proceedings of the meeting of the Bills Committee on Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2003 on Tuesday, 10 June 2003 at 8:30 am in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
000000-000121	Chairman	Opening remarks	
000122-000459	Lawyers Christian Fellowship	Presentation of views	
000500-000911	Christian & Missionary Alliance Goodrich Church	Presentation of views	
000912-001242	Christian & Missionary Alliance Bradbury Kwai Fong Study Centre	Presentation of views	
001243-001708	“Committee Against Authorization of Football Betting” of the Christian & Missionary Alliance Lai Wan Church	Presentation of views	
001709-002204	Aberdeen Baptist Church	Presentation of views	
002205-002627	The Baptist Convention of Hong Kong	Presentation of views	
002628-003111	The Hong Kong Chinese Christian Churches Union	Presentation of views	
003112-003559	Hong Kong Sex Culture Society Family Concern Group	Presentation of views	
003600-004142	Mongkok Baptist Church	Presentation of views	
004143-004607	Echo Valley Evangelistic Association for the Handicaps Ltd	Presentation of views	
004608-004851	China Alliance Press	Presentation of views	
004852-005258	Christian Grace Church	Presentation of views	
005259-005622	A group of Secondary Five students	Presentation of views	
005623-005759	Christian Concern for the Homeless Association	Presentation of views	

005800-010343	Mrs Mary LEUNG	Presentation of views	
010344-010723	Miss Jenny CHANG Wing-fai	Presentation of views	
010724-010948	Mr TAM Yiu-ting	Presentation of views	
010949-011301	Miss TAM Yat-chi	Presentation of views	
011302-011857	Dr KWAN Kai-man, Associate Professor, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Hong Kong Baptist University	Presentation of views	
011858-012300	Miss CHOI Siu-yan	Presentation of views	
012301-012848	Dr Sandra TSANG Kit-man, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work and Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong	Presentation of views	
012849-013355	Ms LAM Siu-yan	Presentation of views	
013356-014035	Dr LO Koon-cheung, Associate Professor, Department of Journalism and Communication, Chu Hai College	Presentation of views	
014036-014559	Ms WONG Yim-mei	Presentation of views	
014600-015038	Ms POON Lai-kwan	Presentation of views	
015039-015920	Chairman Mr Andrew CHENG Aberdeen Baptist Church	Views and concerns expressed by deputations and individuals to which the Administration should respond Deputations' views on the increase in support for authorization of football betting in the community	Admin (see para. 3(a) to (c) of minutes of meeting)
015921-020259	Chairman Mr Howard YOUNG Dr LO Koon-cheung, Associate Professor, Department of Journalism and Communication, Chu Hai College	The necessity to regulate the air time of football betting related programmes in electronic media after authorization of football betting	

020300-020553	Chairman Mr Abraham SHEK Ms POON Lai-kwai	Concern expressed by deputations that individuals who had not gambled before might participate in football betting after authorization of the latter	Admin (see para. 3(d) of minutes of meeting)
020554-022018	Chairman Mr Michael MAK Lawyers Christian Fellowship Ms WONG Yim-mei A group of Secondary Five students Mr TAM Yiu-ting Miss TAM Yat-chi Miss CHOI Siu-yan	Possible solutions to the problem of growing participation in illegal football betting activities in society Possibility of secondary school students being attracted to football betting after its authorization	
022019-023127	Chairman Admin	Admin's response to the views and concerns raised by deputations and individuals	
023128-023223	Chairman Mr Andrew CHENG	Arrangements for future meetings with deputations	
023224-023236	Chairman Mr Abraham SHEK	Differences in the moral standards of people who were in support of and those who were opposed to authorization of football betting	
023237-023304	Chairman	Date of next meeting	

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