

BETTING DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2003

COMMITTEE STAGE

Amendments to be moved by the Honourable Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

<u>Clause</u>	<u>Amendment Proposed</u>
13	<p>(a) In the proposed section 6G –</p> <p>(i) by deleting subsection (1) and substituting –</p> <p>“(1) Subject to Schedule 1 and subsection (1A), the Secretary may, by issuing a licence to a company, authorize the company to conduct fixed odds betting or pari-mutuel betting on the results of football matches.”.</p> <p>(i) by adding –</p> <p>“(4) Issuance of the licence to a company is also subject to Schedule 2 and such conditions as the Secretary may think fit to impose, including but not limited to conditions relating to –</p> <p>(a) the manner and form in which bets may be accepted;</p> <p>(b) the keeping of premises for accepting bets, the number of such premises and the persons who may enter such premises; and</p> <p>(c) the provision of information to the Secretary.”.</p> <p>(ii) by adding –</p> <p>“(7) The Legislative Council may, by resolution, amend Schedule 1 and 2.”.</p> <p>(b) In the proposed section 6Z(1), by adding “,Schedule 1 or 2” after “the licence”.</p> <p>(c) In the proposed section 6ZA –</p> <p>(i) by adding –</p> <p>“(3A) The Football Betting and Lotteries Commission –</p>

(a) shall conduct a public hearing on a decision of revocation of licence determined by the Secretary.

(a) may divulge any data, book, document or record it has received in the course of the public hearing to any person it considers appropriate on terms of confidentiality or otherwise or treat the same as confidential.

(c) shall publish in such manner as it considers fit a report of the public hearing.

(3B) The Secretary shall not exercise a power under subsection (1) or (1A) until after considering the recommendations of the Football Betting and Lotteries Commission.”.

New By adding –

“16A. Schedules Added

The following is added –

“SCHEDULE 1

SPECIFIED CATEGORIES OF FOOTBALL MATCHES

- (1) World Cup which is conducted by the The Fédération Internationale de Football Association.
- (2) UEFA European Championship, UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup which are conducted by the Union of European Football Associations.
- (3) The F.A. Premier League and the F.A. Challenge Cup.
- (4) The Bundesliga and the German Cup.
- (5) The Serie A and the Italian Cup.
- (6) The Primera Liga and the Spanish Cup.

SCHEDULE 2

CLOSING HOURS OF BETTING PREMISES

- (1) The closing hours of betting premises shall be from 11:00p.m. to 9:00a.m.

(2) The football betting conductor may close and open its betting premises before 11:00p.m. and after 9:00a.m. respectively. The relevant conduct is not deemed to be guilty of a contravention of column 1.”.