

**立法會**  
***Legislative Council***

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the Administration)

**Subcommittee to study the proposed resolutions  
under section 48A of  
the Employees' Compensation Ordinance and  
section 40 of the Pneumoconiosis (Compensation) Ordinance**

**Minutes of meeting  
held on Friday, 14 March 2003 at 8:30 am  
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

**Members present :** Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP (Chairman)  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan  
Hon Bernard CHAN, JP  
Hon LI Fung-ying, JP  
Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP  
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok

**Members absent :** Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS  
Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP  
Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS, JP  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP  
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung

**Public Officers Attending :** Mr Matthew CHEUNG Kin-chung, JP  
Permanent Secretary for Economic Development and  
Labour (Labour)

Mrs Jenny CHAN, JP  
Assistant Commissioner for Labour  
(Rights and Benefits)

Mr LAI Ka-tong  
Senior Labour Officer (Employees' Compensation)

**Clerk in attendance** : Miss Betty MA  
Senior Assistant Secretary (2)1

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

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**I. Election of Chairman**

[Appendix IV of the House Rules]

Mr Kenneth TING was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee.

2. The Chairman said that Mr Bernard CHAN had requested to join the Subcommittee after the deadline for signification of membership. Members acceded to Mr CHAN's request under Rule 23(b) of the House Rules.

**II. Meeting with the Administration**

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2) 1460 & 1494/02-03]

3. The Subcommittee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

4. The Administration briefed members on the two proposed resolutions on revising the levels of medical expenses payable under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance (ECO) and the Pneumoconiosis (Compensation) Ordinance (PCO) to keep in line with the new fee structure of the public health care services which would come into effect on 1 April 2003.

5. While members were in support of the proposal, some of them expressed concern about the implications of the proposal on the premium level of employees' compensation insurance and the transitional arrangement for the payment of the difference between the existing rates and the revised rates of medical expenses, if the proposed resolutions could not come into operation on 1 April 2003.

6. Having considered the supplementary information provided by the Administration in its paper (LC Paper No. CB(2) 1494/02-03(01)) and at the meeting, members expressed support for the two proposed resolutions. To minimise the impact on injured employees and pneumoconiotics, members also supported the Administration's proposal of -

- (a) its giving fresh notice to move the two proposed resolutions at the earliest Council meeting after 1 April 2003 (i.e. the Council meeting commencing on 2 April 2003); and

- (b) its seeking the leave of the President to dispense with the notice requirement for moving motions under Rule 29(1) of the Rules of Procedure.

### **III. Any other business**

7. The Chairman said that the Subcommittee would report its deliberations and recommendations to the House Committee at the meeting on 21 March 2003.

8. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8:55 am.

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<b>Time marker</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action Required</b>
0000-0128	Hon Kenneth TING Dr Hon LO Wing-lok Hon LI Fung-ying	Election of Chairman	
0129-0706	Chairman Administration	Administration's paper on the two proposed resolutions [LC Paper No. CB(2)1494/02-03(01)]	
0707-0846	Hon LI Fung-ying	Payment of medical treatment on or after 1 April 2003 and before the revised levels of medical expenses came into operation	
0847-1153	Hon Bernard CHAN Chairman	Impact on insurance premium	
1154-1854	Chairman Administration Hon Cyd HO	Timing for moving the two proposed resolutions and transitional arrangement before the revised levels of medical expenses came into operation	
1855-2340	Hon LEUNG Fu-wah Chairman Hon Cyd HO	Consultation process	
2341-2520	Chairman	Way forward	

**Note : The audio records of the above proceedings are kept at the LegCo Library**