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Subcommittee on
Apprenticeship (Designation of Trades) Order 2003 and
Apprenticeship (Periods of Apprenticeship) Notice 2003

Minutes of meeting
held on Friday, 20 June 2003 at 9 am
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

Members present : Hon CHAN Kwok-keung, JP (Chairman)
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, JP
Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP

Member absent : Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

Public officers attending : Mr Byron LAM
Principal Assistant Secretary for Education and Manpower
(Manpower Planning and Training)

Miss Shirley LAU
Assistant Secretary for Education and Manpower
(Manpower Planning and Training)

Mr Alan CHONG
Government Counsel
Department of Justice

Mr M K WONG
Chief Industrial Training Officer
Vocational Training Council

Clerk in attendance : Mrs Constance LI
Chief Assistant Secretary (2)5

Staff in attendance : Miss Kitty CHENG
Assistant Legal Adviser 5

Miss Betty MA
Senior Assistant Secretary (2)1

I Election of Chairman

Mr CHAN Kwok-keung was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee.

II. Meeting with the Administration

[LC Paper No. CB(2) 2542/02-03(03)]

2. The Subcommittee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).
3. Members were generally in support of the proposal of adding the audio-visual and radio-frequency mechanic, and building services mechanic trades to the list of designated trades under the Apprenticeship Ordinance.
4. Noting that there were presently about 75 apprentices in the trades of audio-visual and radio-frequency mechanic, and building services mechanic, Ms LI Fung-ying asked whether some of them were employed under the Youth Work Experience and Training Scheme (the Scheme). As participating employers under the Scheme were entitled to a monthly training subsidy of \$2,000 for each trainee during the employment and training period, Ms LI asked whether employers would cease to receive such subsidies as they would have to enter into a contract of apprenticeship with employees originally employed under the Scheme. If so, she was concerned that some employers might cease to employ these young people with the coming into effect of the Order. The other members of the Subcommittee agreed with Ms LI.
5. The Subcommittee suggested that the Administration should give an undertaking that the Scheme could run in parallel with the requirement of entering into a contract of apprenticeship with employees under the Scheme. Some members suggested that an alternative was for the Administration to consider extending the grace period for those young people employed under the Scheme to enter into a contract of apprenticeship only after they had completed the employment and training period of the Scheme.

6. The Administration responded that it would provide a response to members' concern after discussing with the Economic Development and Labour Bureau.

III. Any other business

7. The Chairman requested the Administration to provide a response by 24 June 2003 for circulation to members of the Subcommittee. Subject to members' agreement to the Administration's response, no further meeting would be held, and a report would be provided to the House Committee. The Chairman further said that if members were not satisfied with the Administration's response, further meetings would be held and he would move a motion at the Council meeting on 2 July 2003 to extend the scrutiny period of the Order and the Notice to the first Council meeting in the next session. Members agreed.

8. The meeting ended at 9:45 am.

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Time marker	Speaker	Subject	Action Required
0001-0220	Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah Hon LI Fung-ying Hon CHAN Kwok-keung	Election of Chairman	
0221-0751	Administration	Administration's response to issues raised by Members at the House Committee meeting held on 13 June 2003 [LC Paper No. CB(2) 2542/02-03(03)]	
0752-1907	Hon LI Fung-ying Administration	Compatibility of the apprenticeship training and the employment and training provided under the Youth Work Experience and Training Scheme	
1908-2930	Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah Administration Hon Abraham SHEK	Transitional arrangements for existing apprentices and training programme for apprentices	
2931-3956	Hon LEUNG Fu-wah Administration Hon LI Fung-ying Chairman Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah	Proposal of extending the grace period for entering the apprenticeship scheme	Admin to consider and provide a response
3957-4212	Chairman	Way forward	

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