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Bills Committee on Transfer of Sentenced Persons (Amendment) (Macau) Bill

Minutes of the second meeting held on Monday, 28 February 2005 at 10:45 am in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

Members : present	Hon James TO Kun-sun (Chairman) Hon Margaret NG Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
Members : absent	Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, BBS, JP
Public Officers : attending	Mr Charles WONG Principal Assistant Secretary for Security
	Mr Daniel CHAN Assistant Secretary for Security
	Mr Dicky CHAN Assistant Commissioner of Correctional Services
	Ms Amelia LUK Deputy Law Officer (Mutual Legal Assistance)
	Ms Francoise LAM Senior Government Counsel (Law Drafting Division)
Clerk in : attendance	Mrs Sharon TONG Chief Council Secretary (2)1

Staff in	: Mr Stephen LAM		
attendance	Assistant Legal Adviser 4		

Mr Raymond LAM Senior Council Secretary (2)5

I. Meeting with the Administration

The Bills Committee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at Annex).

- 2. The Bills Committee requested the Administration -
 - (a) to explain, making reference to the arrangements for bilateral agreements on arbitration, mutual legal assistance in criminal matters and surrender of fugitive offenders as well as the transfer of sentenced person (TSP) agreement with Macau, the principles adopted for a bilateral agreement to be signed with a jurisdiction before the relevant legislative proposal was introduced into the Legislative Council (LegCo) and the principles adopted for a bilateral agreement to be signed with a jurisdiction after the relevant legislative proposal was passed by LegCo, and the reasons for the different arrangements;
 - (b) to advise whether the arrangement of signing a bilateral agreement with a jurisdiction only after the relevant legislative proposal was passed by LegCo would also apply to future TSP and rendition agreements with the Mainland; and
 - (c) to review the drafting of the proposed new section 4(2)(b)(i) and (ii) of TSP Ordinance in relation to the word "otherwise".

II. Date of next meeting

3. <u>Members</u> agreed that the next meeting would be scheduled, pending the availability of the information to be provided by the Administration.

4. The meeting ended at 12:45 pm.

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Proceedings of the meeting of the Bills Committee on Transfer of Sentenced Persons (Amendment) (Macau) Bill on Monday, 28 February 2005 at 10:45 am in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action Required
000000 – 000232	Chairman	Opening remarks	
000233 - 000858	Admin	Briefing on the Administration's response to issues raised at the meeting on 25 January 2005	
000859 - 004526	Hon Margaret NG Admin Chairman Hon LAU Kong-wah	Why the transfer of sentenced person (TSP) agreement with the Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR) was not signed before the Bill was introduced into the Legislative Council (LegCo) and whether there were precedents for such an arrangement; bilateral agreements on arbitration, mutual legal assistance in criminal matters and surrender of fugitive offenders as well as the TSP agreement with Macau; principles adopted for a bilateral agreement to be signed with a jurisdiction after the relevant legislative proposal was passed by LegCo, and the reasons for the different arrangements; whether the arrangement of signing a bilateral agreement with a jurisdiction only after the relevant legislative proposal was passed by LegCo would also apply to future TSP and rendition agreements with the Mainland	Admin to explain, making reference to the arrangements for bilateral agreements on arbitration, mutual legal assistance in criminal matters and surrender of fugitive offenders as well as the TSP agreement with Macau, the principles adopted for a bilateral agreement to be signed with a jurisdiction before the relevant legislative proposal was introduced into LegCo and the principles adopted for a bilateral agreement to be signed with a jurisdiction after the relevant legislative proposal was passed by LegCo, and the reasons for the different arrangements; to advise whether the arrangement of signing a bilateral agreement with a jurisdiction only after the relevant legislative proposal

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action Required was passed by LegCo would also apply to future TSP and rendition agreements with the Mainland
004527 - 013319	Hon LAU Kong-wah Admin Chairman Hon Margaret NG ALA4	Interpretation of "close ties" in the Bill; whether the meaning of "close ties" was too broad; whether "close ties" referred to the past, present or future relationship	
013320 - 013759	Hon Margaret NG Admin Chairman	Drafting of the proposed new section 4(2)(b)(i) and (ii) of TSP Ordinance in relation to the word "otherwise"	Admin to review the drafting
013800 - 014629	Hon LAU Kong-wah Admin Chairman Hon Margaret NG	Why the remaining sentence requirement under the TSP agreement with MSAR was six months	
014630 - 015029	Chairman Admin	Whether there were situations where a person's close ties with both jurisdictions would be compared	
015030 - 015206	Chairman Admin Hon LAU Kong-wah Hon Margaret NG	Whether there were mechanisms for appeal	
015207 - 015235	Chairman	Date of next meeting	

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