

Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005**Administration's response to Dr Hon Kwok Ka-ki's CSA**

Issue	Administration's Response
<p>Dr Hon Kwok Ka-ki proposed on 15 June 2006 an amendment to the Bill to ban smoking in the Ocean Park</p>	<p>The Tourism Commission in general supports the spirit of the Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005. However, after consultation with the Ocean Park Corporation (OPC), we consider the proposed Committee Stage Amendment not necessary, for the following reasons:</p> <p>Under the existing Ocean Park Bylaw (subsidiary legislation made under Ocean Park Ordinance, Cap 388), OPC can already designate area as non-smoking area by notice, and smoking in designated areas is already an offence.</p> <p>OPC currently has designated the following areas within the Ocean Park as non-smoking areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kids World 2. All indoor exhibits and related queuing areas 3. All mechanical rides and related queuing areas 4. All indoor restaurants except Middle Kingdom Restaurant which has a designated smoking area 5. All special event areas <p>With reference to the practice for overseas theme parks, OPC has a plan, to be effective 15 July 2006, to designate the whole Ocean Park as a non smoking area, with the exception of 4 designated smoking areas. This arrangement is to balance the needs and desires of non smoking guests and smoking guests as many of them will stay for half a day or more.</p>