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Dear Mrs TONG,

Bills Committee on Certification for Employee Benefits (Chinese Medicine) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2005

Subsequent to the meeting of the Bills Committee held on 16 December 2005, the Administration has reviewed the drafting of the proposed s.33(6)(b)(i) of the Employment Ordinance (EO) and is inclined to amend the provision to enhance its clarity. When the draft amendments are ready, we will submit to the Bills Committee for discussion.

As regards Members' view that the term "medical practitioner" in the Employees' Compensation Ordinance should be amended to read "registered medical practitioner" for the purpose of consistency with the terminology adopted in the EO, the Administration is studying the issue and will revert to the Bills Committee when ready.

Yours sincerely,

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