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Bills Committee on Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Bill

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, 1 February 2007, at 2:30 pm in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

Members: Hon TAM Yiu-chung,GBS, JP (Chairman)

present Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

Hon Margaret NG

Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP

Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP

Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP

Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP

Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

Members : Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo absent : Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, JP

Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS

Public Officers : Mrs Betty FUNG

attending Deputy Secretary for Education and Manpower

Mr Daniel CHENG

Principal Assistant Secretary for Education and

Manpower

Mr Thomas WU Assistant Secretary for Education and Manpower

Mr Leonora IP Senior Government Counsel Department of Justice

Mr Peter CHEUNG Executive Director Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation

Ms Connie LOK Senior Registrar Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation

Clerk in attendance

Mrs Sharon TONG

Chief Council Secretary (2)1

Staff in attendance

Mr Stephen LAM

Assistant Legal Adviser 4

Mr Raymond LAM

Senior Council Secretary (2) 5

Action

I. Meeting with the Administration

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

- 2. The Bills Committee requested the Administration to -
 - (a) to reconsider whether rules made under new clause 10(7) of the Bill should be made solely by the Chairman of the Appeal Board;
 - (b) to consider stating in the speech to be delivered by the Secretary for Education and Manpower during the resumption of Second Reading debate on the Bill that rules made under new clause 10(7) of the Bill were subsidiary legislation subject to scrutiny by the Legislative Council;
 - (c) to provide samples of notice of appeals similar to the one specified under new clause 11(2) of the Bill;

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- (d) to consider providing for the removal of Chairman, Deputy Chairman or panel member of the Appeal Board under certain circumstances; and
- (e) to consider amending new clause 13(4)(iii) of the Bill along the lines that it would be a defence for a person charged to prove that he had taken certain steps to prevent the commission of the offence.

II. Date of next meeting

- 3. The Bills Committee noted that the next meeting would be held on 14 February 2007 at 2:30 pm to continue discussion with the Administration.
- 4. The meeting ended at 4:30 pm.

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<u>Legislative Council Secretariat</u>
1 March 2007

Proceedings of meeting of the Bills Committee on

Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Bill on Thursday, 1 February 2007, at 2:30 pm in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

| Time marker | Speaker | Subject(s) | Action Required |
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| 000000 - 000355 | Chairman | Opening remarks | 2004 |
| 000356 - 005011 | Admin Chairman Hon CHAN Yuen-han Hon TSANG Yok-sing Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung Hon LI Fung-ying Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung ALA4 | Administration's response in respect of whether it was necessary to include an express provision to the effect that rules made under new clause 10(7) were subsidiary legislation subject to scrutiny of the Legislative Council (LegCo) (LC Paper No. CB(2)995/06-07(01)); whether rules under new clause 10(7) should be made solely by the Chairman of the Appeal Board | Admin to reconsider whether rules made under new clause 10(7) should be made solely by the Chairman of the Appeal Board, to consider stating in the speech to be delivered by the Secretary for Education and Manpower during the resumption of Second Reading debate on the Bill that rules made under new clause 10(7) were subsidiary legislation subject to scrutiny by LegCo |
| 005012 - 005747 | Admin Chairman Hon LI Fung-ying | Examination of the Committee Stage amendments (CSAs) proposed by the Administration to clause 11; providing samples of notice of appeals similar to the one specified under new clause 11(2) | Admin to provide samples of notice of appeals similar to the one specified under new clause 11(2) |
| 005748 - 011654 | Admin Chairman Hon LI Fung-ying ALA4 | Examination of new clause 12 and the CSAs proposed by the Administration to the clause; effect of new clause 12(1)(a); providing for the removal of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman or panel member of the Appeal Board under certain circumstances | Admin to consider providing for the removal of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman or panel member of the Appeal Board under certain circumstances |

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| 011655 - 012148 | Admin Chairman | Examination of new clause 12A; whether similar procedures were adopted by other appeal boards/ committees | |
| 012149 - 013200 | Admin Chairman Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung | Examination of new clause 12B and 12C and the CSAs proposed by the Administration to new clause 12B; time-frame for determination of an appeal | |
| 013201 - 013402 | Hon Margaret NG Chairman | Whether it was necessary to include an express provision to the effect that rules made under new clause 10(7) were subsidiary legislation subject to scrutiny of LegCo | |
| 013403 - 013554 | Admin Chairman | Examination of new clause 12D | |
| 013555 - 015559 | Admin Chairman Hon TSANG Yok-sing Hon Margaret NG Hon LI Fung-ying | Examination of the CSAs proposed by the Administration to clause 13; requirements under clause 13(1)(a); amending new clause 13(4)(iii) of the Bill along the lines that it would be a defence for a person charged to prove that he had taken certain steps to prevent the commission of the offence | Admin to consider amending new clause 13(4)(iii) along the lines that it would be a defence for a person charged to prove that he had taken certain steps to prevent the commission of the offence |
| 015600 - 015653 | Chairman | Date of next meeting | |

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