

**立法會**  
**Legislative Council**

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**Bills Committee on  
Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Bill**

**Minutes of meeting  
held on Friday, 17 March 2006 at 8:30 am  
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

**Members present** : Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP (Chairman)  
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan  
Hon Margaret NG  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP  
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung  
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP  
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP  
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long  
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP  
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung  
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS

**Members absent** : Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP  
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

**Public Officers attending** : Mr Edward YAU  
Deputy Secretary for Education and Manpower  
  
Ms Rebecca PUN  
Principal Assistant Secretary for Education and Manpower  
  
Mr Patrick PANG  
Assistant Secretary for Education and Manpower

Mr Thomas WU  
Assistant Secretary for Education and Manpower

Ms 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

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**I. Meeting with the Administration**

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

2. The Bills Committee requested the Administration to –
- (a) provide information on the respective numbers of vocational experts and professional practitioners who had been added to the Register of Subject Specialists;
  - (b) provide the Bills Committee with the guidelines for accreditation panels before the passage of the Bill;
  - (c) explain the meaning of balanced representation in accreditation panels and how it would be achieved;
  - (d) explain the different channels for obtaining qualifications under different levels of the Qualifications Framework (QF) and advancement to higher QF levels;

- (e) reconsider providing subsidies in relation to accreditation fees;
- (f) clarify the differences, if any, in the mode of assessment for academic courses and that under recognition of prior learning for junior and higher QF levels.

## **II. Date of next meeting**

- 3. The Bills Committee agreed that the Clerk would consult the Chairman on the date of the next meeting.
- 4. The meeting ended at 10:40 am.

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**Proceedings of meeting of the  
Bills Committee on  
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on Friday, 17 March 2006 at 8:30 am  
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<b>Time marker</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Subject(s)</b>	<b>Action Required</b>
000036 – 000338	Chairman	Opening remarks	
000339 - 000859	Admin	Briefing on the Administration's paper on the arrangements for forming assessment panels (LC Paper No. CB(2)1374/05-06(01))	
000900 - 001049	Chairman Admin	Respective numbers of vocational experts and professional practitioners who had been added to the Register of Subject Specialists; definition of vocational experts	<b>Admin to provide information on the respective numbers of vocational experts and professional practitioners who had been added to the Register of Subject Specialists</b>
001050 - 001239	Hon Vincent FANG Admin	Whether vocational experts from more industrial sectors would be appointed to the Register of Subject Specialists; qualifications required of vocational experts	
001240 - 001734	Hon Jasper TSANG Admin	Whether members of accreditation panels would receive any remuneration; responsibilities of accreditation panels; mechanism for appeal against the outcome of accreditation	
001735 - 002653	Hon LI Fung-ying Admin	Accreditation of courses at the lower and higher end levels of the Qualifications Framework (QF)	
002654 - 003131	Hon WONG Ting-kwong Admin	Training for subject specialists; tenure of subject specialists	

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003132 - 004738	Hon LEE Cheuk-yan Admin Chairman	Whether accreditation panels would only be responsible for accreditation for lower end QF levels; relationship between accreditation panels and Industry Training Advisory Committees; mechanism for appeal against the decision of an accreditation panel	
004739 - 005329	Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Admin	Level of accreditation fees	
005330 - 010620	Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung Admin Chairman	Requirements on the relevant working experience of trainers; meaning of a balanced representation in accreditation panels and how such a balanced representation would be achieved	<b>Admin to provide its guidelines for accreditation panels before the passage of the Bill; to explain the meaning of a balanced representation in accreditation panels and how it would be achieved</b>
010621 - 010825	Hon Vincent FANG	Appointment of vocational experts with knowledge of prevailing trends and practices in the relevant industries to accreditation panels	
010826 - 011254	Admin	Briefing on the Administration's paper on the arrangements for the accreditation of courses under the Skills Upgrading Scheme (SUS) and Employees Retraining Board (ERB) (LC Paper No. CB(2)1374/05-06(02))	
011255 - 011654	Hon LI Fung-ying Admin	Sampling of SUS and ERB courses for accreditation	

011655 – 012501	Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung Admin Chairman	Whether the results of the pilot study on SUS and ERB courses could be provided; seminar conducted by the Asia-Pacific Institute of Business of the Chinese University of Hong Kong on QF	
012502 – 012951	Admin Chairman	Briefing on paragraphs 1 to 14 of the Administration’s paper entitled “Response to the Concerns of the Bills Committee on the Establishment of a Qualifications Framework and its associated Quality Assurance Mechanism” (LC Paper No. CB(2)1374/05-06(03))	
012952 - 013654	Hon WONG Ting-kwong Admin	Recognition of previous working experience	
013655 – 015810	Hon LEE Cheuk-yan Admin Chairman	Channels for obtaining qualifications under different QF levels and advancement to higher QF levels; provision of subsidy in relation to accreditation fees	<b>Admin to explain the different channels for obtaining qualifications under different QF levels and advancement to higher QF levels; to reconsider providing subsidies in relation to accreditation fees</b>
015811 – 020430	Hon LI Fung-ying Hon CHAN Yuen-han	Differences in the mode of assessment for academic courses and that under recognition of prior learning (RPL) for junior and higher QF levels; level of accreditation fees	<b>Admin to clarify the differences, if any, in the mode of assessment for academic courses and that under RPL for junior and higher QF levels</b>
020431 – 020959	Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung Chairman Admin	Difficulties in the proof of relevant working experience	

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021000 – 021027	Chairman	Date of next meeting	

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