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the Administration)

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

**Minutes of meeting
held on Tuesday, 31 October 2006, at 8:30 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Margaret NG
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
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS
- Members absent** : Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, JP
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
- Public Officers attending** : Mrs Betty FUNG
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

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

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 with a flow chart the proposed mechanism for appeal against decisions/determinations made by the Accreditation Authority or the Qualifications Register Authority;
- (b) to illustrate, with examples, the determination of the overall level of qualification in paragraph 7.4 of the Administration's paper entitled "Recognition of Prior Learning Mechanism";
- (c) to advise whether accreditation would be required for training providers for courses under the Skills Upgrading Scheme and Employees Retraining Board and, if so, the criteria to be adopted in such accreditation and how such accreditation would be conducted; and
- (d) to provide a response to the issues raised in the submission dated 27 October 2006 from the Council of Hong Kong Non-Profit Making Tertiary Institutions.

3. The Administration advised that -
 - (a) it would consider revising the Statement of Attainment, having regard to the views expressed by members and the views to be collected in its consultation with labour unions and Industry Training Advisory Committees;
 - (b) the Secretary for Education and Manpower might, in the appointment of an assessment agency, specify as a condition that the assessment agency had to establish a mechanism for handling appeals from applicants for recognition of prior learning;
 - (c) the Administration would report on the progress of implementation of the arrangement referred to in paragraph (b) above to the Panel on Manpower; and
 - (d) it would examine, in its long-term review on the role and functions of the Employees Retraining Board, the issue of providing long-term funding support for the implementation of the Qualifications Framework.

II. Date of next meeting

4. The Bills Committee agreed that the next meeting would be rescheduled from 13 November 2006 to 14 November 2006 at 10:45 am to continue discussion with the Administration.

5. The meeting ended at 10:25 am.

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Legislative Council Secretariat
16 November 2006

**Proceedings of meeting of the
Bills Committee on
Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Bill
on Tuesday, 31 October 2006, at 8:30 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

| Time marker | Speaker | Subject(s) | Action Required |
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| 000000 - 000229 | Chairman | Opening remarks | |
| 000230 - 000434 | Admin | Briefing on the Administration's paper entitled "Proposed Changes to the Review Mechanism" (LC Paper No. CB(2)196/06-07(01)) | |
| 000435 - 001929 | Chairman Hon LI Fung-ying Hon WONG Ting-kwong Admin | Whether the proposed review mechanism would be applicable to reviews sought by individuals; mechanism for appeals in Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL); criteria for the appointment of members to the Appeal Board | Admin to explain with a flow chart the proposed mechanism for appeal against decisions/ determinations made by the Accreditation Authority or the Qualifications Register Authority |
| 001930 - 002328 | Hon FANG Kang Admin | When local and overseas experts would be appointed to the Appeal Board; number of local and overseas experts appointed in the past and the cost involved | |
| 002329 - 003124 | Admin | Briefing on the Administration's paper entitled "Recognition of Prior Learning Mechanism" (LC Paper No. CB(2)196/06-07(02)) | |
| 003125 - 010021 | Hon LI Fung-ying Chairman Hon SIN Chung-kai Admin | Design and use of terms in the Statement of Attainment under RPL; relationship between RPL and the existing licences issued to workers; | Admin to illustrate, with examples, the determination of the overall level of qualification in paragraph 7.4 of the |

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| | | clustering of units; whether evidence of working experience and supporting evidence of working experience would be given the same weight in the assessment of an applicant's working experience; how an applicant's years of experience would be verified in an interview; whether it was appropriate for the Vocational Training Council to serve as a training provider and an assessment agency at the same time | Administration's paper entitled "Recognition of Prior Learning Mechanism" |
| 010022 - 010243 | Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung Admin | Mechanism for appeals in RPL | |
| 010244 - 011113 | Chairman Admin | Briefing on the Administration's paper entitled "Resources Strategy to support the implementation of the Qualifications Framework and Accreditation Fee Levels" (LC Paper No. CB(2)196/06-07(03)) | |
| 011114 - 011302 | Hon WONG Ting-kwong Admin | Total subsidies required for implementation of the Qualifications Framework (QF); whether there would be a ceiling on the number of applications made by an individual for reimbursement of assessment fees for RPL | |
| 011303 - 011625 | Chairman Admin | Examining the issue of providing long-term funding support for the implementation of QF in the Administration's long-term review on the role and functions of the | |

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| | | Employees Retraining Board | |
| 011626 - 012749 | Hon LI Fung-ying Admin Chairman | Criteria for the provision of subsidies to training providers for programme validation; whether accreditation would be required for training providers for courses under the Skills Upgrading Scheme and Employees Retraining Board | Admin to advise whether accreditation would be required for training providers for courses under the Skills Upgrading Scheme and Employees Retraining Board and, if so, the criteria to be adopted in such accreditation and how such accreditation would be conducted |
| 012750 - 013250 | Hon SIN Chung-kai Chairman Admin | Issues raised in the submission dated 27 October 2006 from the Council of Hong Kong Non-Profit Making Tertiary Institutions; whether there would be sufficient subsidy for industries which participated in QF at a later stage | Admin to provide a response to the issues raised in the submission dated 27 October 2006 from the Council of Hong Kong Non-Profit Making Tertiary Institutions |
| 013251 - 015243 | Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung Chairman Hon LI Fung-ying Admin | Level of assessment fees; affordability of employees and provision of subsidy by the Administration; registration fees referred to in paragraph 10 of the Administration's paper | |
| 015244 - 015406 | Chairman | Date of next meeting | |