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

**Minutes of meeting
held on Tuesday, 14 November 2006, at 10:45 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, JP
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS
- Members absent** : Hon Margaret NG
Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
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 consider providing the Appeal Board with the power to reject the final decision/determination of the Accreditation Authority in respect of an appeal;
- (b) to consider providing the Appeal Board with the power to conduct an *inter partes* hearing in the determination of an appeal;
- (c) to provide information on the draft accreditation guidelines and procedures;
- (d) to provide the revised Statement of Attainment;
- (e) to consider deleting "on the internet" in clause 3(1); and

- (f) to consider providing in clause 4(4)(a) that the fees should be subject to the prior approval of the Secretary for Education and Manpower.
3. The Administration advised that it would -
- (a) provide the draft Committee Stage amendments (CSAs) on the powers of the Appeal Board; and
 - (b) move a CSA to delete the definition of "business" in clause 2.

II. Date of next meeting

4. The Bills Committee noted that the next meeting would be held on 23 November 2006 at 2:30 pm to continue discussion with the Administration.
5. The meeting ended at 12:40 pm.

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Legislative Council Secretariat
28 November 2006

**Proceedings of meeting of the
Bills Committee on
Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Bill
on Tuesday, 14 November 2006, at 10:45 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action Required
000000 - 000244	Chairman	Opening remarks	
000245 - 000429	Admin	Briefing on the Administration's paper entitled "Proposed Changes to the Appeal Mechanism" (LC Paper No. CB(2)335/06-07(01))	
000430 - 003309	Hon LI Fung-ying Hon WONG Ting-kwong Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung Chairman ALA4 Admin	Whether the final decision/determination in respect of an appeal should be made by the Appeal Board; whether there would be a performance pledge for the processing of appeals; whether the Appeal Board could hold an <i>inter partes</i> hearing in the determination of an appeal; nature of the proposed appeal mechanism	Admin to consider providing the Appeal Board with the power to reject the final decision/determination of the Accreditation Authority in respect of an appeal; to consider providing the Appeal Board with the power to conduct an <i>inter partes</i> hearing in the determination of an appeal
003310 - 003806	Hon CHAN Yuen-han Chairman Admin	Complaint case about the accreditation work of the Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation; whether it was mandatory for the Accreditation Authority to establish another accreditation panel to re-assess the standard of the relevant programme/operator/institution	

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003807 - 004311	Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Admin	Time frame for the processing of an appeal; funding for the operation of the Appeal Board	
004312 - 004513	Chairman Admin	Composition of the Appeal Board	
004514 - 004951	Chairman ALA4 Admin	Whether the proposed appeal mechanism would be applicable to appeals unrelated to the Qualifications Framework (QF)	
004952 - 005223	Admin	Briefing on the Administration's paper entitled "Determination of Overall Level of Qualification of Clusters of Units of Competency" (LC Paper No. CB(2)335/06-07(02))	
005224 - 005627	Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung Hon LEE Cheuk-yan Admin	Calculation of credit units in the determination of the overall level of qualification of clusters of units of competency	
005628 - 005909	Admin	Briefing on the Administration's paper entitled "Accreditation of SUS and ERS Courses" (LC Paper No. CB(2)335/06-07(03))	
005910 - 010359	Admin	Briefing on the Administration's paper entitled "Response to the Views on the Bill provided by The Council of Hong Kong Non-Profit Making Tertiary Institutions" (LC Paper No. CB(2)335/06-07(04))	

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010400 - 011139	Hon LEE Cheuk-yan Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung Chairman Admin	Long-term strategy regarding provision of funding for implementation of QF; progress of preparation of the draft accreditation guidelines and procedures; provision of the revised Statement of Attainment	Admin to provide information on the draft accreditation guidelines and procedures; to provide the revised Statement of Attainment
Clause-by-clause examination			
011140 - 011404	Chairman Hon LEE Cheuk-yan Admin	Examination of clause 1; timing for commencement of the enacted legislation	
011405 - 012744	Chairman Dr Hon Joseph LEE ALA4 Admin	Examination of clause 2; meaning of "a person" in the definition of "assessment agency" and "granting body"; deletion of the definition of "business"; provision of the draft Committee Stage amendments on the powers of the Appeal Board	
012745 - 013347	Chairman Hon LEE Cheuk-yan ALA4 Admin	Examination of clause 3	Admin to consider deleting "on the internet" in clause 3(1)
013348 - 015546	Chairman	Examination of clause 4(1) to 4(4)(a)	Admin to consider providing in clause 4(4)(a) that the fees should be subject to the prior approval of the Secretary for Education and Manpower
015547 - 015512	Chairman	Date of next meeting	