

**立法會**  
**Legislative Council**

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**Bills Committee on Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2006**

**Note of informal meeting  
held on Wednesday, 24 May 2006 at 8:30 am  
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP (Chairman)  
Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP  
Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP  
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip  
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP  
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung  
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS  
Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP  
Hon TAM Heung-man
- Members absent** : Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP  
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP  
Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, BBS, JP  
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung  
Hon CHIM Pui-chung  
Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG
- Public Officers attending** : Mr Stephen FISHER  
Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs (1)
- Miss Jenny YIP  
Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (1)

Miss Christine CHOW  
Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (1)1

Mr Lawrence PENG  
Senior Assistant Law Draftsman

Ms Mary WONG  
Senior Assessor

**Attendance by invitation** : IEF Rehabilitation Centre for Problem Gamblers

Mr POON Yan-chi  
Director

Zion Social Service

Dr LI Cheuk-yan  
Executive Director

Mr FUNG Ka-pan  
Co-ordinator of Counselling Service of Problem Gambling

Zion Social Service – Mutual Support Group for Recovering Problem Gamblers

Mr WONG Shuk-yung  
Member

Mr LEE Yiu-wong  
Member

The Society for Truth and Light

Mr CHOI Chi-sum  
General Secretary

Hong Kong Gambling Watch

Mr SO Hang-tai  
Representative

Lee Kau Yan Memorial School

Mr SUN Kwok-yu  
Discipline Master

Ms YIM Pui-lin  
Teacher of Moral Education

The Baptist Convention of Hong Kong

Mr CHAN Yiu-kwong  
Executive Secretary

Min-Nam Chinese Christian Trinity Church

Mr LAU Chi-hung  
Pastor

The Association of International Accountants – Hong Kong Branch

Mr LOK Tong-man  
Chief Executive Officer

Mr Tommy TAM Hok-lam  
Committee Member

The Association of Hong Kong Racing Journalists

Mr HUE Pue-ying  
President

The Hong Kong Racehorse Owners Association Ltd.

Mr Wilfred NG  
President

Mr Ray CHAN  
Vice-President

Hong Kong Jockey Club Association of Chinese Employees

Mr CHUNG Yun  
Committee Member

Hong Kong Jockey Club Staff Social Club

Mr Daniel SZE Kwai-yuen  
Chairman

Hong Kong Jockey Club Horse Training Staff Association

Mr Ricky LAW Tak-kuen  
Chairman

Hong Kong Jockey Club Staff Union

Mr Edmund LEE Kin-man  
Chairman

Mr Gary KWAN Shing-kit  
Finance

Mr WONG Tang-ping  
Horse Racing Commentator/Former Horse Trainer

Mr Michael CHAN  
PhD Candidate, The University of Hong Kong

Mr NG Kai-nam  
Ex-employee of The Hong Kong Jockey Club

**Clerk in attendance** : Miss Odelia LEUNG  
Chief Council Secretary (2)6

**Staff in attendance** : Mr Stephen LAM  
Assistant Legal Adviser 4

Mr Stanley MA  
Senior Council Secretary (2)6

Miss Carmen HO  
Legislative Assistant (2)6

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Action

In the absence of a quorum for a meeting, the Chairman advised members that they were not covered by the privileges and immunity provided under the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance (Cap.382) in the ensuing discussion with deputations and the Administration.

**Oral presentation by deputations and individuals**

2. Deputations and individuals presented their views (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

Action

**Discussion with deputations/individuals and the Administration**

3. The Bills Committee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).
4. The Administration was requested to –
  - (a) address some members' concern that under the proposed reformed betting duty system, the betting duty receivable by the Government after the guaranteed period might be less than the present level of betting duty revenue;
  - (b) comment on a member's concern that the provision of rebates to high-value bets would adversely affect dividends payable to small-value bettors and Government revenue from betting duty;
  - (c) comment on the concern of some deputations that should the proposed reforms be implemented, the Hong Kong Jockey Club staff would be encouraged or even required to strengthen their efforts to promote horse race betting; and
  - (d) provide a consolidated reply to the views and concerns expressed by the deputations.
5. Members noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 30 May 2006 at 4:30 pm.
6. The discussion ended at 10:46 am.

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Legislative Council Secretariat  
8 June 2006

**Proceedings of the Bills Committee on  
 Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2006  
 on Wednesday, 24 May 2006 at 8:30 am  
 in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

<b>Time marker</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Subjects</b>	<b>Action required</b>
000600 - 000752	Chairman	Advice on non-application of privileges and immunities provided under Cap. 382 because of a lack of a quorum	
000753 - 001137	IEF Rehabilitation Centre for Problem Gamblers	Presentation of views	
001138 - 001508	Zion Social Service	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)2091/05-06(01)]	
001509 - 001737	Zion Social Service – Mutual Support Group for Recovering Problem Gamblers	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)2091/05-06(02)]	
001738 - 002049	The Society for Truth and Light	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)2144/05-06(01)]	
002050 - 002203	Chairman	Consideration of deputations' views by members	
002204 - 002551	Hong Kong Gambling Watch	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)2115/05-06(01)]	
002552 - 002925	Lee Kau Yan Memorial School	Presentation of views	
002926 - 003109	The Baptist Convention of Hong Kong	Presentation of views	
003110 - 003424	Min-Nam Chinese Christian Trinity Church	Presentation of views	
003425 - 003708	The Association of International Accountants – Hong Kong Branch	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)2091/05-06(03)]	
003709 - 004141	The Association of Hong Kong Racing Journalists	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)2149/05-06(01)]	
004142 - 004512	The Hong Kong Racehorse Owners Association Ltd.	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)2144/05-06(02)]	
004513 - 004944	Hong Kong Jockey Club Association of Chinese Employees	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)2205/05-06(01)]	

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004945 - 005552	Hong Kong Jockey Club Staff Social Club	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)2228/05-06(01)]	
005553 - 005932	Hong Kong Jockey Club Horse Training Staff Association	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)2201/05-06(01)]	
005933 - 010032	Hong Kong Jockey Club Staff Union	Presentation of views	
010033 - 010345	Mr WONG Tang-ping	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)2149/05-06(02)]	
010346 - 010711	Mr Michael CHAN	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)2091/05-06(04)]	
010712 - 011058	Mr NG Kai-nam	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)2201/05-06(02)]	
011059 - 011418	Chairman Administration	Response to views of deputations and individuals	
011419 - 012218	Dr Fernando CHEUNG Chairman Admin Deputation	Estimates of the illegal betting turnover and gambling population	<b>See para 4(a) of the minutes</b>
012219 - 012934	Miss TAM Heung-man Admin Chairman	Impact of the proposed reformed betting duty system on Government revenue from horse racing betting after the guaranteed period	<b>See para 4(a) of the minutes</b>
012935 - 013623	Mr Jeffrey LAM Deputations Admin	Impact of the proposed reform of betting duty system on the gambling population in authorised and unauthorised gambling, and diversion of unauthorised betting to authorised betting.	
013624 - 014306	Mr Andrew CHENG Deputations	Promotion of horse race betting by HKJC before and after enactment of the Bill	<b>See para 4(c) of the minutes</b>
014307 - 015138	Mr WONG Ting-kwong Deputations	The impact of the provision of rebates to high-value bets on dividend payable to small-value bettors, illegal bookmakers and government revenue from horse race betting	<b>See para 4(b) of the minutes</b>
015139 - 015829	Mr Patrick LAU Deputations Chairman	Measures to reduce pathological gambling and help pathological gamblers	
015830 - 020921	Chairman Deputations Dr Fernando CHEUNG Mr Jeffrey LAM Mr Andrew CHENG	Combat against illegal bookmaking activities; increase of gambling population after authorisation of football betting; and efforts in promotion or reduction of football or horse race betting	

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020922 - 021446	Chairman Deputations Admin	Impact of the proposed reform of betting duty system on illegal bookmaking activities	
021447 - 021640	Chairman	Further submissions and response to concerns of members and deputations	<b>See para 4(d) of the minutes</b>

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