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Bills Committee on Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2006

Minutes of meeting
held on Friday, 2 June 2006 at 10:45 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

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

Mr SO Chau-chuen
Assistant Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Ms Mary WONG
Senior Assessor

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

Action

I. Clause-by-clause examination of the Bill

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1957/05-06(02) & (03), CB(2)2115/05-06(02), CB(2)2176/05-06(02) and CB(2)2215/05-06(01)]

The Bills Committee deliberated (Index of proceedings in attached **Annex**).

2. The Bills Committee requested the Administration to –

- (a) provide information on the content of the code of practice for horse race betting. If such information was not ready for the time being, the Administration should undertake to consult the Panel on Home Affairs on the code of practice in due course;

New section 6GB

- (b) consider the following views expressed by some members –

Action

- (i) “Announcement of Public Interests” and/or warning against the seriousness of the problems caused by excessive gambling should be shown during the hours of broadcast of horse races;
- (ii) warning against the seriousness of the problems caused by excessive gambling should be displayed in all means of advertising or promotional activities on horse race betting; and
- (iii) the prohibited hours for advertising the conduct of horse race betting on television should be extended on Saturdays and Sundays as children and youth spent more time in watching television during these days;

New section 6GF

- (c) explain the present arrangement adopted by the Hong Kong Jockey Club in handling unclaimed dividends;
- (d) explain how unclaimed dividends and rebates would be handled under the reformed betting duty system; and

New section 6GH

- (e) consider providing in the clause that the change of the charging period agreed by the Collector of Stamp Revenue and the horse race betting conductor should not affect the betting duty receivable by the Government.

II. Any other business

3. Members noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 8 June 2006 from 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building.

4. The meeting ended at 12:47 pm.

**Proceedings of the Bills Committee on
 Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2006
 on Friday, 2 June 2006 at 10:45 am
 in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subjects	Action required
000115 - 000259	Chairman	Welcome to representatives of the Admin	
000300 - 000359	Chairman Admin	Clause 10 - Part heading amended	
000400 - 000654	Chairman Admin Mr Tommy CHEUNG	Clause 11 – Interpretation of Part 3	
000655 - 000727	Chairman Admin	Clause 12 – Division heading amended (Division 2 of Part 3)	
000728 - 001527	Chairman Admin Mr Andrew CHENG Mr Tommy CHEUNG	Clause 13 – Establishment and Composition Code of Practice for horse race betting	See para 2(a) of the minutes
001528 - 001604	Chairman Admin	Clause 14 - Function	
001605 - 002602	Chairman Admin ALA4 Miss CHOY So-yuk	Clause 15 – Division 2A of Part 3 added Section 6GA – Interpretation of Division 2A	
002603 - 010632	Chairman Admin Miss CHOY So-yuk Mr Andrew CHENG Mr Tommy CHEUNG Miss CHAN Yuen-han Dr Fernando CHEUNG	Section 6GB – Authorization of betting on horse races Display of notices containing a warning of the seriousness of the problems caused by excessive gambling and information on the services and facilities available to problem gamblers and pathological gamblers; and advertising on conduct of horse race betting on television or radio between the hours of 4:30 pm to 10:30 pm on any day	See para 2(b) (i), (ii) and (iii) of the minutes
010633 - 010823	Chairman Admin	Section 6GC – Designation of qualified bets	
010824 - 012633	Chairman Admin Miss CHAN Yuen-han Mr Andrew CHENG ALA4	Section 6GD – Horse race betting duty Amendments to Schedule 1 and Schedule 2	

Time marker	Speaker	Subjects	Action required
012634 - 013116	Chairman Admin Mr Tommy CHEUNG Mr Andrew CHENG	Section 6GE – Further horse race betting duty	
013117 - 014708	Chairman Admin Mr Tommy CHEUNG Miss CHOY So-yuk Dr Fernando CHEUNG Mr WONG Ting-kwong	Section 6GF – Calculation of net stake receipts Handling of unclaimed dividends under the existing arrangement and handling of unclaimed dividends and rebates under the proposed reformed betting duty system	See para 2(c) and (d) of the minutes
014709 - 015042	Chairman Admin Mr Tommy CHEUNG Miss CHOY So-yuk	Section 6GG – Calculation of guaranteed amount	
015043 - 015724	Chairman Admin Miss CHOY So-yuk	Section 6GH – Definition of “charging period”	See para 2(e) of the minutes
015725 - 015810	Chairman	Date of next meeting	

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