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Legal Service Division Further Report on St. Stephen's College Incorporation (Change of Name of the Council of St. Stephen's College and General Amendments) Bill 2005

Our report on the Bill (LC Paper No. LS11/05-06) was considered by the House Committee at its meeting on 2 December 2005. It was agreed that no decision would be taken on the Bill until a further report was made on the Committee Stage amendments to be proposed by the Administration.

2. The proposed Committee Stage amendments are at the **Annex**. According to the Administration, the Council of St. Stephen's College ("the Council") has been consulted. The effects of the amendments are:

- (a) to introduce a new clause on commencement and to make consequential amendments to the transitional arrangements so that the Bill, if passed, would come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Secretary for Education and Manpower. It is intended that commencement would take place after the new Constitution is adopted by the Council. As the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Hong Kong Island of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui will have to be consulted on the drafting of the Constitution, it is anticipated that the exercise will take about 6 months. In the meantime, the St. Stephen's College Regulations (Cap. 1049 sub. leg. A) would continue to take effect;
- (b) to reflect more accurately the intention of the College to extend and widen its original scope of education;
- (c) to remove the requirement of delivering the addresses of members of the Council to the Registrar of Companies for registration and public inspection, having considered the issue of privacy.

3. The proposed Committee Stage amendments are technical in nature and present no problem. Subject to Members' views, the Bill is ready for resumption of Second Reading debate.

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ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE INCORPORATION (CHANGE OF NAME OF THE
COUNCIL OF ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE AND
GENERAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2005

COMMITTEE STAGE

Amendments to be moved by the Secretary for
Education and Manpower

<u>Clause</u>	<u>Amendment Proposed</u>
New	By adding immediately after clause 1 - “1A. Commencement This Ordinance shall come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Secretary for Education and Manpower by notice published in the Gazette.”.
6	(a) In the proposed section 3(a), by deleting “, namely, of” and substituting “by”. (b) In the proposed section 3(c), by adding “or the incorporated management committee” after “committee”.
10	(a) In the proposed section 6B(1)(c), by deleting “and addresses” where it twice appears.

(b) By deleting the proposed section 6D and substituting –

“6D. Change of name does not affect identity

For the avoidance of doubt, the identity of the body corporate incorporated under section 2 shall not be affected by the commencement of the St. Stephen’s College Incorporation (Change of Name of the Council of St. Stephen’s College and General Amendments) Ordinance 2006 (of 2006).”.

11 By deleting the clause.