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Clerk to Bills Department Legislative Council Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road Central Hong Kong

Attn Mr Stanley Ma

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Dear Mr Ma,

Bills Committee on The English Schools Foundation (Amendment) Bill 2007

Minutes of Meeting on 5 November 2007

Thank you for letting us see a draft of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Bills Committee on 5 November 2007. I can confirm that ESF has no comments to make on the draft.

It has been suggested that it may be helpful to clarify the comment of our Legal Adviser, Duncan Abate, on the number of disability discrimination complaints to the Equal Opportunities Commission. His reference was to general complaints to the EOC and the numbers are as follows:

2004 - total complaints (ie under Sex, Family Status and Disability) 893,

Disability Discrim Ord only 360

2005 - total 932 DDO 454 2006 - total 930 DDO 420

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Heather Du Quesnay Chief Executive

cc Prof Felice Lieh Mak Mr Jonothan Abbott Mr Duncan Abate