Bills Committee on Independent Police Complaints Council Bill

Draft Committee Stage Amendments for Clauses 19B, 22 and 41

Amendments to be moved by the Secretary for Security

Clause

Amendment Proposed

New

By adding immediately after clause 19 -

"19A. Record of interview

- (1) The Council must make a record of every interview under section 19, and the record is to be kept for such period as may be necessary for the performance of its functions under this Ordinance.
- (2) The record may be used for the following purposes but not otherwise -
 - (a) a purpose that is necessary for the performance of the Council's functions under this Ordinance;
 - (b) a purpose referred to in section
 37(2)(b), (c) or (d).

19B. Council's endorsement of findings and classification

If the Council is satisfied with the findings and classification of a reportable

complaint as stated in an investigation report submitted under section 16 or 18(1A), the Council must endorse the findings and classification and notify the Commissioner the endorsement.".

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- (a) By deleting the heading and substituting -
 - "22. Notification of classification of reportable complaint and result of review".
- (b) By renumbering the clause as clause 22(1).
- 22(1)
- (a) By deleting "The Council may require the

 Commissioner to inform" and substituting "In the

 case of a reportable complaint that is not a

 request for review, the Commissioner must, as

 soon as practicable after the Council has

 endorsed the findings and classification of the

 complaint under section 19B, notify".
- (b) In the Chinese text, by deleting "須具報" where it twice appears and substituting "須匯報".
- 22 By adding -
 - "(2) In the case of a reportable complaint that is a request for review, the Council must notify ${\mathord{\text{--}}}$
 - (a) the complainant; or
 - (b) (where the reportable complaint

was made by a person on behalf of
the complainant) the person who
made the complaint,

of the result of the review and the reasons for the result.

- (3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to a case where the complainant or the person has indicated to the Commissioner or the Council that he does not wish to be so notified.
- (4) In determining the time at which the complainant or the person is notified of such matters as required under subsection (1) or (2), the following provisions apply -
 - (a) if the notification is left at his address, the notification is effected when it is so left;
 - (b) if the notification is sent by
 post to his address, the
 notification is effected when it
 would in the ordinary course of
 post be delivered to that
 address;
 - (c) if the notification is sent by
 facsimile transmission to his
 facsimile number, the
 notification is effected when it

would in the ordinary course of such transmission be received at that number; or

- (d) if the notification is sent by electronic mail transmission to his electronic mail address, the notification is effected when it would in the ordinary course of such transmission be received at that address.
- (5) In subsection (4), references to his address, his facsimile number or his electronic mail address mean the address, facsimile number or electronic mail address (as the case may be) provided by the complainant or the person to the Commissioner or the Council as a means of contacting him in relation to the reportable complaint.".
- 41(2) By adding "1A(b) or" after "under section".
- 41 By adding -
 - "(2A) A person who, immediately before the commencement date, is the Secretary or the Legal Adviser of the former Council continues to be, as from that date until the Secretary-General or the

Legal Adviser (as the case may be) has been appointed under section 5(1), the Secretary-General or the Legal Adviser (as the case may be) of the Council on the same terms and conditions as those applicable to that person immediately before that date.".

- 41(3) (a) By deleting "including" and substituting "other than".
 - (b) By adding "until such time as the Council and the Government may agree" after "as from that date".