

For Bills Committee Meeting 13 January 2012

Views on draft Mediation Bill (the Bill)

Submitted by Professional Mediation Consultancy Centre (PMCC)

We consider the Bill from the following aspects:

1. Will the enactment of a Mediation Ordinance enhance public awareness and knowledge, hence increase utilization, of mediation as an Alternative Dispute Resolution method?
2. Will the community be more harmonious whilst mediation is widely used as a way to resolve disputes among neighbourhood, employers and employees, customers and service providers, etc.?
3. Will social resources be utilized more economically and in a more cost effective way?
4. Will results achieved via mediation meeting be more durable, guaranteed by law, instead of just as another form of contract?
5. Will mediator training and accreditation be standardized and formalized? Will the quality of mediators be ensured?
6. Will parties of mediation be protected and at the same time, mediators are protected against professional claims?
7. Will mediators be mandated to be insured against professional indemnity, if question 6 above is not taken care of?

We are in support of a Mediation Ordinance which provides positive answers to the above questions.

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