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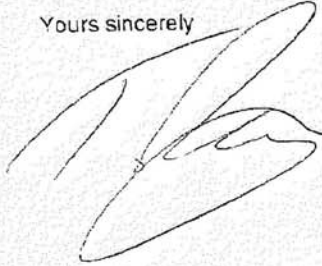
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KYLIE JANE GRIFFIN

**From:** Hugh Stanley <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** bc\_151\_14@legco.gov.hk

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**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2015 01:58PM  
**Subject:** Amendments to the Veterinary Surgeons (Amendment) Bill 2014

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Dear Sir /Madam

I would once again like to express my support for the following amendments to the Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Amendment) Bill 2014.

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2. Election of 6 Veterinary Surgeons from the Veterinary Profession
3. Maintenance of the 2 veterinary surgeon: 1 lay person makeup of the PIC.

Yours Sincerely

Hugh Stanley BVM&S MACVsc (Small Animal Medicine) PhD.

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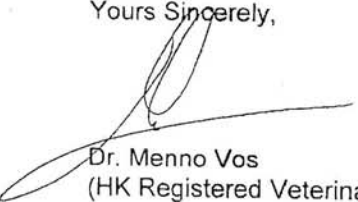
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**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2015 08:49PM  
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**RE: Proposed changes to the Veterinary Surgeons Registration [Amendment] Bill 2014**

Sir/ Madam

I would like to express my support for the following amendments to this bill: -

1. I am strongly in favour of maintaining the ratio of veterinarians to Lay members at a minimum of two [2] veterinarians to one [1] Lay member. The board would in no way benefit from reducing this ratio.
2. The election of six [6] Veterinarians from the profession to the board as board members.
3. The maintenance of two [2] veterinarians to one observer lay member on the Preliminary Investigation Committee.

Ideally the chairman of the Veterinary Surgeons board should be an elected member from within the profession and NOT an appointed lay member.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Robert W. Gordon BVSc MRCVS  
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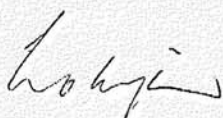
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Dr. GREGORY JOHN WRIGHT. B.VSc.

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DR. HO YEE CHIU  
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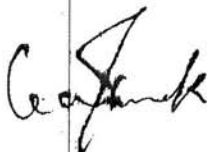
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**Subject:** Veterinary Surgeons Board Amendments

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**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2015 11:44AM  
**Subject:** Legislative amendment to Cap.529

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Dear Legislators/ Bills Committee,

As I cannot attend the meeting on 26th January, I'd like to register my views on the subject of increasing more lay persons on the VSB.

I acknowledge Hon Chiang's concern re complaint cases and I support the presence of lay person on the VSB. It is important to understand that many complaint cases are complicated. Therefore, it is not surprising that a unanimous decision is not reached. You have chosen respectable veterinarians with good ethics high standard to be involved in the VSB board, so we should trust these people to look at the complaint cases and give their opinions. Increasing the lay person to veterinarian ratio to 1:1 on the VSB will only complicate this matter and will not solve the issue.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Mancy Lau BVSc (Hons), MVSc, MANZCVSc.

Sent from my iPad

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**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2015 01:21PM  
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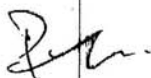
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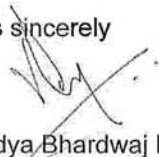
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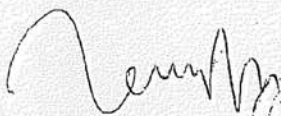
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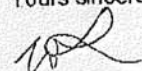
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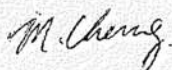
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**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2015 05:16PM  
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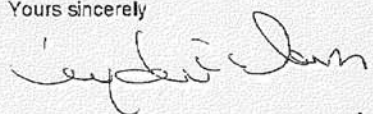
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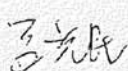
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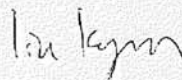
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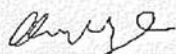
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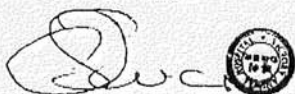
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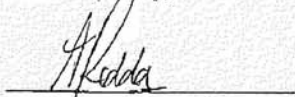
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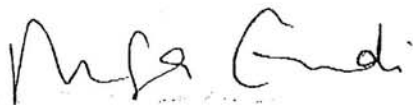
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 Alan BVSc, BSc, MRCVS (Equine med.)

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Veterinary Surgeon

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19-JAN-2015 14:01

**From:** "vetbernard722 ." <[REDACTED]>  
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**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2015 07:29PM  
**Subject:** 陳情 書

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Dear Sir:

我是註冊獸醫廖柏松，編號[REDACTED]，本人支持中國香港獸醫學會會長所提出如下：

- (一) 維持獸醫管理局內，註冊獸醫和非註冊獸醫之比例為二比一。
- (二) 初步調查委員會由兩名獸醫和一名非獸醫所組成。
- (三) 新增加的六位獸醫成員是由註冊獸醫業界人士選出的註冊獸醫
- (四) 由目前獸醫管理局成員數目由 10 人增至 19 人。該 19 人當中，六位是由食物及衛生局局長委任之註冊獸醫，另外六位則由（三）所提及之註冊獸醫，剩下六位為非註冊獸醫成員

LIAW BOR SONG BVetMed MVM

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**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2015 12:01AM  
**Subject:** Clerk to Bills Committee on Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Amendment) Bill 2014

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I believe that a ratio of 1:1 lay people to veterinarians would lower the quality of the decision making of the veterinary board. I support a 1:2, lay people to veterinarian ratio, with the veterinarians ideally being chosen by members of the profession, and having active clinical experience in practice.

In disciplinary hearings the board will need to make a decision whether the decisions the veterinarian made were justifiable with reference to current veterinary knowledge and practice. This is a judgement that the lay person, no matter how well intentioned, does not have the experience or training to provide.

Sincerely

Ross Neil Gascoigne. BVSc

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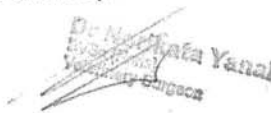
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Yours Sincerely.

  
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**From:** Vivian Ng <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** bc\_151\_14@legco.gov.hk

**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2015 11:11PM

**Subject:** amendments to the Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Amendment) Bill 2014

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In all, allowing excessive number of lay persons in the committee will only prolong investigation progress due to the lack of medical or vet-related knowledge. Furthermore, lay person's opinion on veterinary cases does not reach professional standard and therefore misjudgement may occur as a result. I believe that a 2:1 ratio in vet and lay person is more than sufficient in involving general public in case investigation. Having a 1:1 ratio will merely lengthen the duration of investigation and increase the likelihood of injustice judgement in the veterinary professions.

Yours sincerely

Ng Yu Yan

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It is most important that a Committee be made up as a majority by people of the profession who understands the difficulties faced by those working in the profession. An over-representation by laypersons will at the very least suggest a poorer support for veterinarians.

Yours sincerely

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Yours sincerely

Dr Katriona Bradley  
Previous member of the Veterinary Surgeons Board 2006-2012

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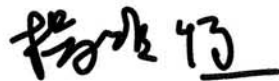
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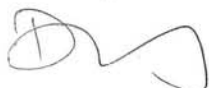
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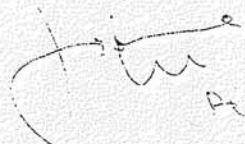
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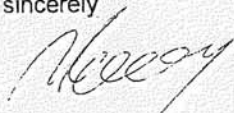
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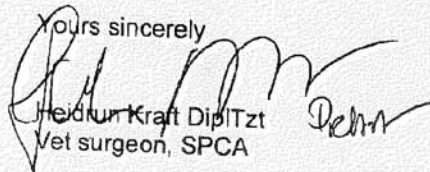
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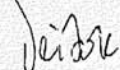
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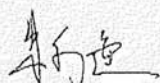
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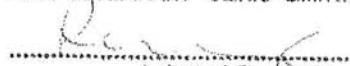
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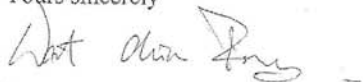
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Recent Veterinary Graduate.



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To lawmakers of the Legislative Council,

I am a lay person, who works on the administration side in a veterinary clinic for more than 20 years. Therefore, my view is from a lay person who has observed what veterinary medicine and surgeries is about, and wishes to present you with my views. I hope to convince that a Vet Surgeons Board needs all the veterinarian representation it needs. There is a lot of aspect of veterinary medicine that needs vets to cover, and their expertise should not be undermined.

Firstly, I agreed to increase numbers of members into HKVSB in order to fasten the complaint procedures and other administration efficiency.

Secondly, the ratio between vets and non vet's members has to maintain a minimum of 2:1 and I strongly against a 1:1 ratio proposal; with reasons listed as follows:

1. For complaint cases – time consuming, and difficult to explain medical knowledge and medical technicality to non vet members thus defecting the original purpose of improve efficiency. (Existing procedure can take from 1-3 years on a case where affected owner and veterinarian cannot resolve the matter no matter case in point is guilty or not. This can be devastating to owners who are looking for a closure and vets who are seeking work opportunities abroad.)
2. For making veterinary medicine a better profession – For laying future rules, regulations, and acceptable standards, a lay person does not have knowledge and understanding within the industry thus may hinder industry progress. Wrong decisions will not affect non vet members but directly affects practicing veterinarians.
3. Existing ratio 2:1 already far below international standard. Further decrease the ratio indicating a non respect attitude towards the profession. Quality veterinarians may seek better environment outside HK thus affect the pet owners or general animal health benefit in HK.

From my understanding, there are still a lot of misunderstandings on veterinary industry in the public.

Hong Kong being an international city, we have vets from all over the world, with high caliber. We are lucky to have high standard of professional veterinary service available for the public comparing to other Asian countries. Pet owners are lucky to be able to seek high level of medical care eg. MRI, CT Oncology, Ophthalmology, laparoscopy etc. All this does not come easy.

Same as medical science, Doctors and Veterinarians work hard to update their knowledge, learning and purchasing advanced equipments and accumulate experiences in order to improve service standard. It will be a lost to the public if all these professionals cannot obtain a reasonable respectfulness manner in HK and leave the city or quit their profession.

Being an animal lover and employed in the veterinary industry for more than 20 years, I truly respect the hard work and professionalism of the veterinarians. Their contributions to our society should be respected and not be undermined.

Yours sincerely,



Pamela Ma

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Dear Bills Committee on Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Amendment) Bill 2014,

I am one of a small number of veterinarians with actual experience of the Preliminary Investigation Committee (PIC) of the Hong Kong Veterinary Surgeons Board (VSB), although I write in my own recognisance. Given the number of submissions sent to your Bill's committee you should be at least aware of: the extensive public consultations and forums held previously, of the progressive nature of the VSB seeking transparency, representativeness and accountability by having a combination of elected members, appointed members and indeed more lay members than almost any comparable professional regulatory body anywhere in the world.; etc. However let me enlighten you, as none of you have ever been in this position, of actual PIC workings.

PICs assess the likelihood of the occurrence of professional misconduct in the light of what would be expected by the behaviour of the majority of the profession. A lay person, by definition, is not a professional and thus not able to determine this likelihood. Only a professional working in the industry would be familiar with the standards and expectations of the profession and the conducting of business in the local environment. Making an error is not professional misconduct.

My personal experience of PICs has ranged from convincing lay people that if a client chooses a treatment option from those available and then experiences a negative outcome as a consequence of their own treatment decision (which is often influenced by budget and convenience to the decision maker and not the patient) then they are in fact responsible for their own decision; to that of convincing lay people that veterinarians have to follow the fire regulations and as a consequence in an extremely busy day of respiratory emergencies the permitted number of oxygen cylinders may become depleted before the monopoly supplier of oxygen cylinders is able to replenish them.

Quite frankly increasing the number of lay people in the PIC or the VSB will result in greater inefficiency and ineffectiveness of complaint handling with even more prolongation of time and anxiety to both pet owner and veterinary professional simply because the lay people are not equipped with the knowledge nor wherewithal of the local veterinary industry. The purpose of a lay presence in these self regulating professional bodies is not to pass a judgement but in fact to ensure oversight of the decision made. The above facts have escaped your attention and should not because they are absolutely imperative to understand the function of the VSB. Increasing the numbers of lay to vet professional members of the VSB would hinder further and not at all improve the oversight nor efficiency of PIC, IC or any of the VSB committees. What is required is more veterinary professionals with HK clinical and business experience in order to fairly assess the matters that come before the VSB. Already there are huge time imposts on what is a non-remunerated position for both lay and professional VSB members where sessions and hearings are conducted in normal business hours and all attendees bar the plaintiff and the VSB members receive compensation for their time.

Practically speaking PIC cases that are referred to an Inquiry Committee (IC) currently must first go before a VSB meeting for a decision to proceed to an IC. There is a limited degree of information that can be provided to this VSB meeting without "contaminating" VSB members whom must make up the membership of an IC hearing. Cases in other professional bodies have already been subject to judicial review due to perceived contamination in this process. Thus VSB has to carefully assess the information provided by the PIC in order to proceed. The number of ICs over the years is tantamount to the ability of VSB to successfully prosecute the decisions of the PIC. That this review step is being

bypassed in the current amendments, in order to facilitate a more rapid complaint handling process means that the PIC MUST have more veterinary professionals in its make-up so that knowledgeable decisions can be made.

Currently PICs consist of one lay and one veterinary surgeon. Due to the limited number of VSB members and the limited number of VSB members whom actually practice clinical veterinary medicine , currently only one PIC actually has a veterinarian with extensive clinical experience in the Hong Kong setting. This already results in poor decision making by PICs simply due to the lack of appropriate knowledge and skills of the veterinary member, compounded by the absolute lack of veterinary medical knowledge and local industry standards of the lay person. Veterinary surgeons in private practice on the receiving end of PIC & VSB decisions see a major injustice : the very people regulating them have no idea about the work they are being asked to assess or adjudicate on. Consequently there is severe disquiet and angst within the profession as the VSB is viewed to be non-representative of the majority of the profession.

Recognising this, the VSB has proposed changes which have met the approval of all the stakeholders, including those that Dr Chiang claims to represent. It is pertinent to note that Hon Dr Chiang had ample time in the extensive public consultations held two years ago to which all stakeholders were invited and indeed notified of, to propose and debate her wishes, but did not. Her arguments that Hong Kong has excessive veterinary fees are easily countered by simple comparison to other developed countries. She is simply not talking from a point of fact but rather from one of hearsay as easily evidenced from the table below. If you ask any person in the street are newspaper fares too expensive or doctors fees too expensive, of course the answer will be yes as these fees are met from their own pocket. Of course the reality is that HK enjoys a range of newspapers and there are a range of doctors providers offering competitive services, just as there are a range of veterinary service providers.

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	2015	2011 data	2014 data	2015	2015
consultation	295	448.5	489.65	365.4	456.25
cat neuter	390	848.9	932.19	696	872.75
cat spay	650	1293.5	1622.25	887.4	1150
dog neuter small	590	1246.7	1781.15	1044	1959.5
dog spay small	880	1444.95	2130.87	1392	2750
dispensing fee	20	70.85	114.24	34.8	

all prices in HK\$ based on current exchange rates

Similarly her argument of the profession protecting its own is not borne out by the figures from the disciplinary proceedings of the IC over the many years the VSB has been in action. Her illogical, non-researched heresay- based arguments are not deserving of the impact they are having on the carefully stakeholder agreed improvements to Cap 529. Dr Chiang should be asked to substantiate her allegations of cost excessiveness, of bias, and her implication that the veterinary profession is incapable of self regulation. One has to wonder if the legislators have a code of practice and conduct when it comes to assessing the legislation coming before them - at the very least they could be

cognizant of the facts and do even a little of their own research in order to speak from a position of knowledge. To continue allowing her "improvements" to Cap 529 contrary to the consensus reached by ALL stakeholders will result in a dysfunctional and divided VSB setting alight the profound possibility of professional disobedience, aside from Hong Kong being seen as far removed from Asia's world city when it can't even set a professional regulatory body to be functional, fair, efficient and effective.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Ian Urquhart B.V.Sc.

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Chairman  
Bill Committee on VSR Amendment Bill

Dear Sir

I am a registered veterinary specialist and a current serving member of the Hong Kong Veterinary Surgeons Board (the Board ) as well as an executive committee member of the Hong Kong Veterinary Association.

I began my veterinary carrier in Hong Kong SAR at the time the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance (VSRO) was enacted therefore had a unique privilege to be part of the profession's evolution under the Ordinance. The profession has grown from mere 150 registered veterinary surgeons with 30 or so clinics in Hong Kong to a 750 strong registered veterinary surgeons working in clinics approaching 200 in number. All the veterinary surgeons and the Board are very proud of the fact that the profession has developed not just in quantity , it did so also in quality as people of Hong Kong SAR now have access to world class veterinary facilities and service from internationally recognized veterinary specialists.

The proposed amendments in your hands are done so with honest intention from the profession and the Hong Kong SAR administration in order to make the profession works better in public service. I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the administration did conduct genuine extensive public consultation. The proposed amendments are the product of multiple rounds of consultations with the stakeholders as well as 3 public forums and thus reflect their consensus and carry legitimacy. In addition, virtually all the submissions ( written and oral ) to your previous deputation meeting supported the proposed changes in VSRO. In the light of these overwhelming support from all stakeholders to the amendment, changing the Ordinance to suit individual or a group of Legco member's concerns (in good intention but often unfounded) is not in line with HKSAR shared core value and detrimental to the progress of the profession; and ultimately will be a disservice to the public.

Some Legco members' insistence on changing vet to non-vet ratio to 1:1 is dangerous and shows total lack of understanding of the profession and how the Board works to meet its statutory duties. With all due respect, I understand their concerns of transparency and accountability . However the concerns are solely focused on the disciplinary function of the Board without due regards given to other serious and complex functions of the Board. The profession and the Board whole heartedly welcome the layperson oversight of the board and even consider it essential in upholding the professional standard and keeping all in check. However, reduction of the ratio of professional representation to manage a very complex profession such as veterinary science , is reckless at the very least and could even be considered unwise. And, once again , if implemented detrimental to the profession and will be disservice to the public. I believe, various stake holders and the administration have supplied the committee with the information regarding the composition of other veterinary

surgeons boards abroad as well as that of comparable professional bodies in HKSAR. These submissions , no doubt, will show your good self and the committee that the Board already is at the leading edge in lay person representation in keeping with transparency and accountability to the public.

Dear Sir, unreasonable interference, without understanding the intricate details of the very profession and how it works, will most likely result in non cooperating stake holders and a dysfunctional Board. It will be worse if the decisions were to be made by discarding the genuine stake holder consultations and concerns.

I hope wisdom will prevail in decision making and the proposed amendment is passed promptly so that we can do what we do the best that is serving the public in our own capacity earnestly.

Warmest Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tint Naing', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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I am a UK graduated veterinary surgeon who has been working in Hong Kong and China for the past 27 years. I have worked for animal charities in both Hong Kong and China, private practice in Hong Kong, as well as operating my own Hospital which opened in 1997.

As a past member of the Veterinary Surgeons Board (2000 to 2006) and Chair of numerous Disciplinary Committees, I feel I am well qualified to make a judgment on the above Bill.

It is essential that the numbers in the Board are increased as soon as possible to allow effective oversight of the professional. As this is a professional Board the maintenance of the 2:1 ratio is essential to allow proper functioning and keep the Board in alignment with other professional Boards.

The Veterinary Surgeons Board carries out numerous functions as well as disciplinary procedures. Lay people are important to help oversee the Board and provide lay person/client perspective but many of the functions of the Board require decisions made by members with a degree in veterinary medicine and science. Lay members can only have limited input in matters such as professional standards, disciplinary committees, zoonotic disease, new emerging disease and food safety.

The ratio of 2:1 for veterinary members: non-veterinary members, mirrors other professional organizations and provides a workable balance for stakeholders and the general public.

As with all professions there is the inevitability that mistakes will be made- especially in professions such as medicine where many of the issues dealt with are not black and white, and where decisions/diagnoses can only be made on the information available at that point in time. This may at times lead to unfavorable outcomes which clients/patients may be unable to comprehend. Neither human doctors nor veterinarians are God, they cannot guarantee the final outcome of any treatment or surgery.

This is where 'trust' is a very important component in the relationship between a client and their veterinarian.

Where there has been a negative outcome in a case, the only people who can judge whether the individual professional has approached the case in a competent way, and of a standard acceptable to the profession, are fellow professionals.

A lay person does not have the background or the professional knowledge to allow them to make any clinical judgments.

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Since the establishment of the Board 17 years ago there has been a steady increase in complaints - probably due to the rise in veterinarians registered in Hong Kong and to the increase in pet keeping owners. Even during my time on the Board in the early 2000's it was already often difficult to schedule DC's in a timely manner, as all Board members had other full-time positions and other commitments responsibilities. Now with the increase in complaints and limited number of Board members, the time taken to deal with complaints is untenable.

Many of these complaints are due to loss of trust or unfavorable outcome, and not professional negligence or incompetence. Therefore it is in the interest of the profession, and the complainant, to have the issues resolved as soon as possible. This will help resolve the client's possible distrust of the profession and also relieve the enormous pressure on the veterinarian who has had the complaint lodged against him.

Unfortunately under our complaint system a veterinarian is presumed guilty until proven otherwise. As soon as a complaint is lodged, if a veterinarian applies to work in another jurisdiction their application may be held up or delayed until the complaint is processed and finally dismissed. Currently processing of cases takes an unreasonable length of time.

I had a case brought against one of my vets by a client, whose behavior and understanding would not be regarded as falling within normal limits. The complaint was made in July 2011 but could not be finally dismissed by the PIC until January 2014.

In this case it took 2 ½ years to process the complaint to the first stage of the PIC. If it had progressed to a Disciplinary Committee hearing it would possibly have taken at least another 1 or 2 years to reach a conclusion.

This is obviously a totally unacceptable time period for both any client complaining and the length of emotional stress inflicted on the individual veterinarian.

Contrary to popular belief veterinarians generally do not enter this profession to earn lots of money. If money was the motivator, with the entry requirements necessary to study veterinary medicine, any veterinarian would be accepted to study human medicine, dentistry or law- professions that provide much better financial compensation.

Most veterinarians enter the profession due to their love of animals and frequently have emotional bonds with them. Therefore when cases do not go as planned, or hoped for, and a pet suffers negative consequences or dies, a complaint then compounds the distress the vet may already feel. This why it is also essential to the veterinarian involved, that any complaint is resolved as soon as possible.

There are a number studies now that have been published into the high rate of suicide amongst veterinarians. Current data indicated that a veterinarians in 2 x more likely to commit suicide than a human doctor or dentists and 4 x more likely than the general population. A factor in this is fear in relation to complaints and litigation.



This is another very strong reason why it is essential that complaints are completed within a reasonable time frame, by Board members who are qualified to make the necessary judgments. This will only be achieved with expansion of Board members and the maintenance of the 2:1 ratio.

Yours sincerely,

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1. I support maintaining the ratio of vets to non-vets at the current ratio of 2:1 on the Veterinary Surgeons Board
2. I support that the make-up of Preliminary Investigation Committee (PIC) be 2 vets and 1 non-vet.
3. I support increasing the size of the Board to 19 members (including a minimum of 12 vets).
4. I support the addition of 6 registered veterinarians to become members of the Veterinary Surgeons Board who are appointed after being selected by election from among the profession. However consideration should be given to increasing the proportion of board members who are veterinary surgeons that can be elected by the profession. Successful elected candidates should be eligible for re-election.
5. The Chairman should be elected by the board members (appointed and elected) from amongst themselves. If an appointment mechanism is retained then this appointment should be made from within the veterinary profession itself in line with other comparable jurisdictions.

6. The remit of the VSB should be expanded (and legislation amended accordingly) so that it can assist with the broader regulation and oversight of veterinary medicine in Hong Kong including veterinary para-professionals and related matters such as clinic registration and regulation.

Yours faithfully,

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I would like to re-iterate my support for the proposed amendments.

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2. I support that the make-up of Preliminary Investigation Committee (PIC) be 2 vets and 1 lay person (non-vet).
3. I support increasing the size of the Board to 19 members and for it to include 12 veterinary surgeons - with 6 registered veterinary surgeons to become appointed members of the Veterinary Surgeons Board after being selected by election from among the profession.

In my previous submission I made some additional comments – these are still valid and I have attached my previous submission for the Bills Committee's consideration.

Yours faithfully,  
(electronically)

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