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## Bills Committee on Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2016

## Minutes of the first meeting held on Monday, 21 March 2016, at 10:45 am in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members : Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP (Chairman)
present Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP (Deputy Chairman)

Hon Albert HO Chun-yan Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP

Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP, PhD, RN

Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP

Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau

Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP

Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP Hon NG Leung-sing, SBS, JP Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, JP

Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP

Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki Hon KWOK Wai-keung

Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

Hon IP Kin-yuen

Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP

Hon TANG Ka-piu, JP

Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP

Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan

Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP

Members absent

: Hon James TO Kun-sun Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, JP

Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC

Hon Kenneth LEUNG Hon Dennis KWOK

**Public Officers:** 

Mr Richard YUEN Ming-fai, JP

attending

Permanent Secretary for Food & Health (Health)

Food and Health Bureau

Mr Chris SUN Yuk-han, JP

Head, Healthcare Planning and Development Office

Food and Health Bureau

Mr FONG Ngai

Principal Assistant Secretary for Food & Health (Health) 3

Food and Health Bureau

Miss Natalie LAU Wai-kwan

Assistant Secretary for Food & Health (Health) 8

Food and Health Bureau

Miss Maggie CHOW Wan-kam

Secretary, Medical Council of Hong Kong

Department of Health

Mr Joseph SIU Wing-ho

Deputy Secretary (Medical Council) 1

Department of Health

Miss Cindy CHEUK Chi-wing

Government Counsel Department of Justice

Clerk in attendance

: Ms Maisie LAM

Chief Council Secretary (2) 5

**Staff in** : Ms Wendy KAN

**attendance** Assistant Legal Adviser 6

Ms Priscilla LAU Council Secretary (2) 5

Ms Louisa YU Legislative Assistant (2) 5

Action

#### I. Election of Chairman

#### Election of Chairman

Mr Albert HO, the member with the highest precedence among those who were present at the meeting, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Bills Committee. He invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Bills Committee.

- 2. Mr Vincent FANG was nominated by Mr Tommy CHEUNG and the nomination was seconded by Mr Frankie YICK. Mr Tommy CHEUNG said that Mr Vincent FANG was on his way to the meeting, and he had secured Mr Vincent FANG's acceptance of the nomination before the meeting.
- 3. Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki was nominated by <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> and the nomination was seconded by <u>Prof Joseph LEE</u>. Owing to the temporary absence of Dr KWOK Ka-ki, <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> said that he had secured Dr KWOK Ka-ki's acceptance of the nomination before the meeting.
- 4. As there was no other nomination, <u>Mr Albert HO</u> announced a vote by secret ballot. Owing to the temporary absence of Dr Fernando CHEUNG who had nominated Dr KWOK Ka-ki, <u>Mr Albert HO</u> invited Mr Tommy CHEUNG, who had nominated Mr Vincent FANG, and Prof Joseph LEE, who had seconded the nomination of Dr KWOK Ka-ki, to oversee the counting of votes.
- 5. <u>Mr Albert HO</u> announced that 15 members voted for Mr Vincent FANG and six members voted for Dr KWOK Ka-ki. <u>Mr Albert HO</u> declared Mr Vincent FANG elected as Chairman of the Bills Committee. Mr FANG then took the chair.

#### Election of Deputy Chairman

6. <u>Members</u> agreed to elect a deputy chairman for the Bills Committee. <u>The Chairman</u> invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr CHAN Han-pan was nominated by <u>Mr Christopher CHUNG</u> and the nomination was seconded by <u>Mr Steven HO</u>. <u>Mr CHAN Han-pan</u> accepted the nomination.

7. As there was no other nomination, <u>the Chairman</u> declared Mr CHAN Han-pan elected as Deputy Chairman of the Bills Committee.

#### **II.** Meeting with the Administration

[File Ref.: FHCR1/F/3261/92, LC Paper Nos. LS44/15-16, CB(2)1118/15-16(02) to (05), CB(2)1131/15-16(01) and CB(3)422/15-16]

8. <u>The Bills Committee</u> deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

#### Admin 9. <u>The Bills Committee</u> requested the Administration to:

- (a) in respect of the registered medical practitioners to be appointed by the Chief Executive ("CE") on the Medical Council of Hong Kong ("the Medical Council") upon nomination by the Director of Health, the University of Hong Kong, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, the Hospital Authority or the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine.
  - (i) explain, with cases to be cited, if any, the power of CE in relation to the appointment of such nominated registered medical practitioners as members of the Medical Council; and
  - (ii) advise whether there were previous cases whereby CE had refused to appoint the nominees of the above person or institutions as members of the Medical Council:
- (b) in respect of the seats for lay members on the Medical Council to be appointed by CE,
  - (i) provide a written response to members' view that the appointees for the four additional lay member seats as proposed in the Bill should be drawn from a wide spectrum of the community including for instance patient and consumer representatives, representatives from the legal and accounting professions, and Legislative Council Members; and where appropriate, the individuals concerned were nominated by the relevant bodies in accordance with a transparent procedure relating to the filling of these seats; and

- (ii) consider the suggestion of some members of applying the above principles to the four existing lay member seats;
- (c) provide a comparison between the regulatory framework in respect of the handling of professional conduct and disciplinary matters by the Medical Council with (i) that of the medical regulatory bodies in overseas jurisdictions, including Australia, Singapore and the United Kingdom; and (ii) that of the regulatory bodies for other local professions, including the accounting and architectural professions; and
- (d) provide information on the number of complaints received by the Medical Council each year for the period from 2011 to 2015, with a breakdown on the number of (i) cases being dismissed by the chairman and deputy chairman of the Preliminary Investigation Committee ("PIC") as being frivolous or groundless, (ii) cases that could not be pursued further for various reasons, (iii) cases which were recommended by PIC to the Medical Council for the holding of disciplinary inquiries, and (iv) cases whereby the registered medical practitioners concerned were found guilty of a disciplinary offence after an inquiry.

## III. Any other business

# Invitation of public views

10. <u>Members</u> agreed to receive views from the public on the Bill at the next meeting scheduled for Monday, 11 April 2016, at 8:30 am. In line with usual practice, a general notice would be posted on the Legislative Council website and invitation letters would be issued to the 18 District Councils for the purpose.

(*Post-meeting note*: On the instruction of the Chairman, invitation letters were also issued to the organizations on the list issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1164/15-16 on 23 March 2016.)

11. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:45 pm.

Council Business Division 2
<u>Legislative Council Secretariat</u>
26 August 2016

# Proceedings of the first meeting of the Bills Committee on Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2016 held on Monday, 21 March 2016, at 10:45 am in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex

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	ı tem I: Election of Chairma	n	required
Ü	Mr Albert HO Mr Tommy CHEUNG Mr Frankie YICK Dr Priscilla LEUNG Dr Fernando CHEUNG Prof Joseph LEE Mr Paul TSE Mr Vincent FANG	Election of Chairman	
001110 - 001334	Chairman Mr Christopher CHUNG Mr Steven HO Mr CHAN Han-pan Dr LEUNG Ka-lau	Election of Deputy Chairman	
Agenda ii	tem II: Meeting with the Ac	lministration	
001335 - 002353	Chairman Admin	Briefing by the Administration on the Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2016 ("the Bill")	
002354 - 003023	Chairman Ms Emily LAU Admin	Ms Emily LAU's call for the Administration to forge consensus among different sectors on the legislative proposals, so as to improve the efficiency and enhance the transparency of the complaint investigation and disciplinary inquiry mechanism of the Medical Council of Hong Kong ("the Medical Council") as well as provide an immediate solution to the medical manpower constraint problem of the Hospital Authority ("HA"); and her wish that the Bill could be dealt with before the prorogation of the Fifth Legislative Council ("LegCo").	
		The Administration's advice that:	
		(a) there was a need to attract more non-locally trained medical practitioners to practise in the public healthcare sector through the legislative proposal of extending the maximum term of limited registration and renewal of such registration from a period of not exceeding one year to a period of not exceeding three years, so as to address the current medical manpower constraint problem;	
		(b) the legislative proposals of enabling the Medical Council to have more than one legal adviser and establish more than one Preliminary Investigation Committee ("PIC") would help facilitate the Medical Council to conduct PIC and inquiry meetings more frequently and in parallel. The Administration also planned to strengthen the manpower of	

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marker		the Medical Council Secretariat in order to help the Medical Council expedite complaints handling and conduct of inquiries; and  (c) the legislative proposal of increasing the number of lay	required
		members on the Medical Council to be appointed by the Chief Executive ("CE") was a response to the public call and global trend for greater involvement of lay persons in regulatory bodies. The intention of the Administration was to appoint persons representing interests of patients and consumers to fill the additional lay member seats.	
		On the concern of some members of the medical sector over the appointment of members by CE on the Medical Council as pointed out by Ms Emily LAU, the Administration's assured members that it was unlikely that CE might reasonably refuse to appoint the 10 registered medical practitioners nominated by the specified person or bodies under section 3(2) of the Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161) ("the Ordinance").	
003024 - 003631	Chairman Mr Tommy CHEUNG Admin	Mr Tommy CHEUNG's disclosure that his daughter and son-in- law were medical practitioners practising in overseas places.	
		Mr Tommy CHEUNG's view that:	
		(a) increasing lay participation in the Medical Council could enhance its credibility and accountability. Whether or not this legislative proposal would have the effect of changing the ratio of appointed members and elected members of the Medical Council should not be an issue of concern; and	
		(b) there was a need to review the standard of the Licensing Examination administered by the Medical Council given the low passing rate. Consideration should be given to adopting the content of the examinations required of the medical students of the medical schools of the two local universities as that of the Licensing Examination.	
		The Administration's advice that the Medical Council had introduced flexibility on the arrangements of the Licensing Examination to facilitate the taking of the examination by the non-locally trained medical graduates. Given the increase in the passing rate of the Licensing Examination in recent years, it was expected that there would be some 50 to 60 candidates passing the Licensing Examination each year.	
003632 - 004801	Chairman Mr Albert HO Admin ALA6	Mr Albert HO's expression of support to the legislative proposal of extending the maximum term of limited registration and renewal of such registration from a period of not exceeding one year to a period of not exceeding three years which, in his view, involved no controversial issues and was conducive to easing the medical manpower shortage in the public healthcare sector; and his view that HA should enhance the flexibility in the employment of part-time doctors and retiring doctors to strengthen its medical manpower.	

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		While supporting the legislative proposal of increasing the number of lay persons on PIC which he considered was not controversial in nature, Mr Albert HO was gravely concerned about CE's power to appoint members on the Medical Council. He made the following suggestions for the Administration's consideration:	Admin
		(a) the four additional lay members on the Medical Council should be drawn from a wide spectrum of the community or credible bodies and where appropriate, the individuals concerned were nominated by the relevant bodies in accordance with a transparent procedure relating to the filling of these seats. This principle should also be applied to the four existing lay member seats; and	
		(b) the filling of the seats in relation to the four medical practitioners being nominated by the two universities with medical faculties (i.e. two each by the University of Hong Kong ("HKU") and The Chinese University of Hong Kong ("CUHK") respectively) for CE's appointment should be through election by all medical staff of the faculties.	
		The Administration's reiteration of its intention to appoint persons representing interests of patients and consumers to fill the four additional lay member seats; and its explanation that it might not be appropriate for the registered medical practitioners to be nominated by the two universities be elected by medical staff of the medical faculties as their role was to maintain the professional competency of local medical graduates. It should be noted that CE was unlikely to reasonably refuse to appoint those registered medical practitioners nominated by the specified person or bodies under section 3(2) of the Ordinance, including the two universities.	
		The Legal Adviser to the Bills Committee's enquiry about and the Administration's response to the power of CE in relation to the appointment of the nominated registered medical practitioners as members of the Medical Council. At Mr Albert HO's request, the Administration undertook to provide a written response, with cases to be cited, in this regard.	Admin
004802 - 005551	Chairman Dr KWOK Ka-ki Admin	Dr KWOK Ka-ki's stress on the need to maintain professional autonomy on the one hand, and comprehensively reform the Medical Council, including increasing lay participation in the Medical Council, on the other hand in order to enhance its transparency and credibility. However, all the lay member seats of the Medical Council should be filled through a transparent procedure without interference from CE.	Admin
		The Administration's advice that the Consumer Council could nominate person(s) representing consumers' interests, whereas the mechanism for filling the lay member seats for representing the patients' interests had to be further deliberated as there were a number of organizations which were established as patient groups or patient support groups.	

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marker		The Chairman's remarks that the current legislative proposal of increasing lay participation in the Medical Council should be regarded as a first step in reforming the Medical Council before the prorogation of the Fifth LegCo.	required
		Dr KWOK Ka-ki's suggestion that the Bills Committee should receive views from the relevant stakeholders and members of the public on the Bill.	
005552 - 010225	Chairman Mr YIU Si-wing Admin	Expressing support to the objectives of the Bill, Mr YIU Si-wing suggested for the Administration's consideration that the proposed four additional lay members on the Medical Council should include also representatives from the legal and accounting professions, in addition to persons representing interests of patients and consumers.	Admin
		Mr YIU Si-wing's enquiries about the average time currently required by the Medical Council for complaint investigation and conducting disciplinary inquiries and how far the legislative proposals could help shorten the time required for these procedures; as well as the estimated increase in the number of non-locally trained medical practitioners to practise in Hong Kong upon passage of the legislative proposal of extending the maximum term of limited registration and renewal of such registration.	
		The Administration's advice that:	
		(a) the processing time of each complaint case depended on various factors such as the complexity of the case and the time taken by the complainant to submit the required information. At present, the average time required by the Medical Council for handling a complaint case at the pre-PIC stage (i.e. under initial consideration by the PIC chairman and deputy chairman), PIC stage and inquiry stage was 17, 13 and 28 months respectively. It was expected that upon the passage of the Bill and after clearing backlogs of cases, the total handling time of a complaint case would be shortened from 58 months to 24 to 36 months; and	
		(b) it was up to HA to decide on the number of non-locally trained medical practitioners it required to work in public hospitals under Limited Registration.	
010226 - 010736	Chairman Deputy Chairman Admin	The Deputy Chairman's wish that the Bill could be passed before the prorogation of the Fifth LegCo so as to improve the complaint investigation and disciplinary inquiry mechanism of the Medical Council and facilitate the admission of non-locally trained doctors to practise in Hong Kong to ease the medical manpower pressure of public hospitals.	
		The Deputy Chairman's enquiry about how many PIC could be established by the Medical Council upon the passage of the Bill and whether the establishment of more than one PIC would	

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		require a parallel increase in the number of registered medical practitioner members in the Medical Council as suggested by some members of the medical sector.	required
		The Administration's advice that:	
		(a) the Bill proposed to, among others, amend the Ordinance to enable the Medical Council to have more than one legal adviser; establish more than one PIC; increase the number of lay assessors of the panel of assessors appointed to the Medical Council for the purpose of conducting an inquiry from four to 14; and allow lay assessors, in addition to lay members of the Medical Council, to be appointed to PIC and form part of the quorum of a meeting of PIC. With the passage of the above legislative amendments, it was expected that the Medical Council could establish at least two or three PICs. In addition, the Administration would provide additional resources to the Medical Council Secretariat for each additional PIC so established; and	
		(b) on whether there would be adequate number of registered medical practitioner members to serve on the additional PIC(s) established upon the passage of the Bill, it should be noted that there were at present 24 registered medical practitioner members in the Medical Council. A total of 16 seats in the five statutory committees established by the Medical Council under the Ordinance were required to be filled by either registered medical practitioner members or lay members of the Medical Council. Assuming that these 16 seats were all filled by the registered medical practitioner members of the Medical Council and these members would not take up the seats of the additional PIC(s) established upon the passage of the Bill, there were still eight registered medical practitioner members of the Medical Council for appointment to the additional PIC(s).	
010737 - 011408	Chairman Miss Alice MAK Admin	Expressing support for the legislative proposals, Miss Alice MAK was concerned about the cumbersome procedures and documentation currently required for filing a complaint against a registered medical practitioner, the high cost to be borne by the complainants, and the long time required by the Medical Council for handling a complaint case. In her view, it was high time to improve the complaint investigation and disciplinary inquiry mechanism of the Medical Council by passing the Bill before the prorogation of the Fifth LegCo. The power of CE to appoint members of the Medical Council upon the nomination by specified person or bodies should not be an issue of concern.	
		Miss Alice MAK's view that the Bills Committee should receive public views on the Bill at a future meeting.	
011409 - 012024	Chairman Dr LEUNG Ka-lau Admin	Dr LEUNG Ka-lau's remarks that the medical sector raised no objection against the legislative proposal to increase the number of lay members on the Medical Council to be appointed by CE by four. However, there was a need to maintain the existing 1:1	

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marker	openio.	ratio of appointed members and elected members in the Medical Council. An option was to correspondingly increase the number of elected registered medical practitioner members on the Medical Council by four. In so doing, the ratio of lay members to registered medical practitioner members would become 1:3.5, which was similar to the ratio of 1:3 as achieved under the above legislative proposal. To his understanding, patient groups had no particular views on this suggestion.  The Administration's response that any further increase in the membership size might affect the efficient operation of the Medical Council. In addition, the suggestion would increase the number of elected registered medical practitioner members from 14 (including seven registered medical practitioners who were members of the Hong Kong Medical Association ("the Medical Association") elected by its Council members, and seven registered medical practitioners who were elected by registered medical practitioners who were elected by registered medical practitioners with full registration and limited registration) to 18. This was not proportionate to the number of registered medical practitioner members nominated respectively by the specified person or bodies to represent the healthcare services regulatory authority, public healthcare service provider and medical training institutions (i.e. the Director of Health, HKU, CUHK, HA and the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine ("the Academy of Medicine")), which stood at two members each.	required
012025 - 012531	Chairman Mr Tommy CHEUNG Admin	Mr Tommy CHEUNG's view that:  (a) there were divergent views on the appropriate ratio of lay members to professional members on the regulatory bodies for various professions. The current legislative proposal of increasing the number of lay members by four should be regarded as an initial step in increasing lay participation in the Medical Council. The appointees for these additional seats should include, among others, person(s) elected by LegCo Members from among their own number; and  (b) to attract more non-locally trained medical practitioners to practise in Hong Kong in a bid to alleviate the medical manpower shortage, consideration should be given to exempting the internship requirement for those medical practitioners who had clinical experience in non-local public hospitals.  Mr Tommy CHEUNG's request for the Administration to provide in writing information on whether there were previous cases whereby CE had refused to appoint the nominees of the Director of Health, HKU, CUHK, HA and the Academy of Medicine.	Admin
012532 - 013238	Chairman Mr Paul TSE Admin	While expressing support to the legislative proposals, Mr Paul TSE was of the view that the Bill only proposed piecemeal improvements to the complaint investigation and disciplinary inquiry mechanism against professional misconduct of the	

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marker		registered medical practitioners without addressing fundamental issues such as the difficulties encountered by patients and/or their family members in obtaining the relevant medical reports to support their complaints. In the longer term, the reform direction should be moved from the premise of professional self-regulation to the establishment of an independent medical ombudsman office to better protect patients' rights.  The Administration stressed that the legislative proposals of enabling the Medical Council to have more than one legal adviser and establish more than one PIC, and increasing the	required
		number of lay members of the Medical Council by four to represent patients' and consumers' interests could immediately help shorten the time required by the Medical Council for handling the complaints cases upon the passage of the Bill.	
013239 - 013829	Chairman Dr KWOK Ka-ki Admin	Dr KWOK Ka-ki's view that the registered medical practitioners to be appointed by CE upon nomination by the Director of Health and HA should be elected by those registered medical practitioners with full registration and limited registration serving in the Department of Health and HA respectively. This apart, the appointees for filling the four proposed additional seats and the four existing seats of lay members on the Medical Council should be nominated by credible bodies through a transparent mechanism, such as elected by LegCo Members from among their own number.	Admin
		The Administration's response that the nominees of the Director of Health and HA should provide views to the Medical Council from the perspectives of healthcare service regulatory authority and the major public healthcare service provider respectively. Hence, it might not be appropriate for them to be elected by registered medical practitioners serving in the Department of Health and HA from among their own number. Any suggestions on the filling of the existing and the proposed additional seats of lay members on the Medical Council required further study.	
013830 - 014519	Chairman Dr LEUNG Ka-lau Admin	Dr LEUNG Ka-lau's emphasis of the need to maintain the 1:1 ratio of appointed members and elected members in the Medical Council as affirmed during LegCo's scrutiny of the Medical Registration (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 1995 through a corresponding increase in the number of elected registered medical practitioner members. In his view, this option would not be contradictory to the objective of the Bill to increase lay participation in the Medical Council.	
		The Administration's advice that there was a global trend for greater involvement of lay persons in regulatory bodies. A case in point was that the ratio of lay members to medical practitioner members on the medical regulatory body in the United Kingdom was 1:1. However, the suggestion of increasing both the medical practitioner members and lay members in the Medical Council by four would lower the ratio of lay members to medical practitioner members from 1:3 as	

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		currently proposed under the Bill to 1:3.5. Any further increase in the membership size might also affect the efficient operation of the Medical Council.	
014520 - 014555	Chairman	The Chairman's decision that the Bills Committee would receive public views on the Bill at its next meeting on 11 April 2016.	
014556 - 015037	Chairman Miss Alice MAK Admin	Miss Alice MAK's view that the ratio of lay members to medical practitioner members in the Medical Council should be further increased to 1:2 to shorten the time required for handling the complaint cases and to better protect patients' rights. Since a registered medical practitioner currently had the right to directly or indirectly elect at most three representatives on the Medical Council in his/her multiple capacities as (a) a registered medical practitioner with full registration or limited registration; (b) a member of the Medical Association; and (c) a member of the Academy of Medicine, she saw no need to increase the number of elected registered medical practitioner members.	
015038 - 015642	Chairman Mr Albert HO Admin	Mr Albert HO's view that whether the Bill could be dealt with before the prorogation of the Fifth LegCo depended on whether the Administration could forge a consensus among members of the medical sector, LegCo Members and other stakeholders on the mechanism for filling the existing as well as the proposed additional seats of lay members on the Medical Council.  In response to Mr Albert HO's enquiries, the Administration's reiteration on how the legislative proposals could enable the Medical Council to establish more than one PIC; and its advice that it was hoped that the legislative proposal of extending the maximum term of limited registration and renewal of such registration could attract more experienced non-locally trained medical practitioners, notably those with specialist qualifications, to practise in Hong Kong.	
015643 - 020057	Chairman Mr Paul TSE Admin	Mr Paul TSE's view that whether the legislative proposal of increasing lay participation in the Medical Council could enhance the transparency and fairness of the complaint investigation and disciplinary inquiry mechanism of the Medical Council hinged not on the ratio of lay members to medical practitioner members but on whether the lay members were open-minded in reforming the Medical Council; and his request for the Administration to provide in writing:  (a) a comparison between the regulatory framework in respect of the handling of professional conduct and disciplinary matters by the Medical Council with (i) that of the medical	Admin
		matters by the Medical Council with (i) that of the medical regulatory bodies in overseas jurisdictions; and (ii) that of the regulatory bodies for other local professions; and  (b) information on the number of complaints received by the Medical Council each year for the period from 2011 to 2015, with a detailed breakdown on the number of cases.	

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020058 - 020150	Chairman	Closing remarks			

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