

Bills Committee on Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2016

**List of follow-up actions required of the Administration
arising from the discussion at the meeting on 19 April 2016**

The Administration was requested to:

- (a) in respect of the proposed four additional lay members to be appointed by the Chief Executive ("CE") on the Medical Council of Hong Kong ("the Medical Council"), who would come from among sectors representing patients' interest and consumers' interest according to the Administration's latest proposal,
 - (i) advise the distribution of the four seats among patient representatives and consumer representatives; and
 - (ii) provide concrete details of the proposed procedures for nomination of the respective representatives from patients groups and patient support groups, and from the Consumer Council for CE's appointment;
- (b) in respect of the Administration's latest proposal of converting the existing appointed seats of the two registered medical practitioners nominated by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine ("the Academy of Medicine") to two elected seats to be filled by two registered medical practitioners being elected by the Council members of the Academy of Medicine, following similar arrangement for the seven elected members of the Hong Kong Medical Association ("the Medical Association"),
 - (i) advise the nomination and election procedures adopted by the Medical Association for the filling of the seven elected seats of the Medical Council, as well as the composition of and election mechanism for the Council of the Medical Association. According to section (3)(2)(i) of the Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161), these seven registered medical practitioners who were members of the Medical Association had to be nominated in accordance with the regulations or procedures of the Medical Association relating to the filling of offices under that paragraph and elected by the Council members of the Medical Association in accordance with those regulations or procedures;

- (ii) advise the proposed nomination and election framework for the Academy of Medicine to fill the two proposed elected seats of the Medical Council, as well as the composition of and election mechanism for the Council of the Academy of Medicine; and
 - (iii) advise its position on whether the amendment that might be proposed by the Administration to the Bill to effect the above proposal would be relevant to the subject matter of the Bill and to the subject matter of the clause to which it related as required under Rule 57(4)(a) of the Rules of Procedure;
- (c) in respect of the concerns raised by the Hong Kong Public Doctors' Association, Dr HO Pak-leung and Dr CHOI Kin on the bottlenecks that had hampered the operation of the current complaint investigation and disciplinary inquiry mechanism of the Medical Council (in particular, the seeking of expert opinion and the availability of members and the venue for conducting disciplinary inquiries) as set out in their submissions (LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1221/15-16(04) and (06) and CB(2)1250/15-16(03)),
- (i) provide, based on past statistics, information on the average time required of at different stages of complaint investigation and disciplinary inquiry; and
 - (ii) provide details of the administrative measures to be put in place by the Administration to improve the efficiency of the existing complaint investigation and disciplinary inquiry mechanism of the Medical Council, regardless of whether the Bill was passed or not.