

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 25 April 2016**

The Administration was requested to:

- (a) provide the proposed legislative timetable to enable the Legislative Council to deal with the Bill before its prorogation on 16 July 2016;
- (b) provide details of the arrangements to be introduced by the Administration for the patient-related groups to elect representatives among themselves for appointment by the Chief Executive for filling the three additional lay member seats representing patients' interests in the Medical Council of Hong Kong ("the Medical Council"), including, among others, what would constitute a patient-related group. According to the Administration, the arrangements would not be specified in the legislation in order to allow flexibility of implementation;
- (c) consider, having taken into account members' various proposals of increasing the elected element in the composition of the Medical Council with a view to maintaining the current ratio of 1:1 between elected and appointed members, refining the Administration's latest proposal of converting the two existing appointed medical practitioner members nominated by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine ("the Academy of Medicine") to two medical practitioner members to be elected in accordance with the rules and regulations to be devised by the Academy of Medicine in this regard;
- (d) advise the efforts made by the Administration in consulting the medical sector and the patient groups, including information on the organizations being consulted, on its latest proposals concerning maintaining the ratio of elected and appointed members as well as the arrangements for nominating representatives to fill the four additional lay member seats in the Medical Council;
- (e) in respect of the nine bottlenecks of the existing complaints investigation and disciplinary inquiry mechanism of the Medical Council as identified by the Hong Kong Public Doctors' Association in its submission (LC Paper No. CB(2)1221/15-16(04)),

- (i) provide information on the breakdown, by the nine bottlenecks, of the average time required by the Medical Council for the handling of complaint cases at different stages; and
 - (ii) advise the respective administrative measures for shortening the time required of the Medical Council for handling complaints as referred to in item (i) above, with a breakdown by those that could only be implemented upon the enactment of the Bill and those that could still be implemented if the Bill was not passed;
- (f) in respect of the applications from persons whose names had been removed from the registers of medical practitioners for the restoration of their names to the relevant registers, provide information on the median time required for arranging inquiries of the Medical Council for the purpose of deciding whether to allow or refuse the applications in the past year and the number of scheduled inquiries which were postponed due to not having sufficient members to form a quorum; and
- (g) address the concern raised by members regarding the possible conflict of interest that might arise when the appointed or elected members of the Medical Council were from medical groups.