

**Bills Committee on the Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2016
The Government's Response on the Draft Committee Stage
Amendment Proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki**

This paper provides the Government's response on the draft committee stage amendment ("CSA") proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

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2. The CSA proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki aims to change the composition of the Medical Council of Hong Kong ("MCHK") by reducing the number of Council member nominated by the University of Hong Kong ("HKU"), Chinese University of Hong Kong ("CUHK"), Hospital Authority ("HA") and Hong Kong Academy of Medicine ("HKAM") from two to one each for appointment by the Chief Executive ("CE"), and increasing the number of Council members elected by doctors with full registration and limited registration by four from seven to eleven.

Composition of MCHK

3. MCHK currently has a total of 28 members, with 24 doctor members¹ and four lay members. The Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2016 proposes to increase the number of lay Council members from four to eight. The total number of Council members will increase from 28 to 32 and the proportion of lay membership will increase from 14% to 25%.

The Government's Response

4. We object to this CSA. It is of paramount importance and practical consideration for the four institutions concerned (i.e. HKU, CUHK, HA and HKAM) to nominate two representatives each to sit on MCHK. The representatives of HKU and CUHK play an indispensable

¹ Seven are elected by doctors with full and limited registration, seven are nominated by the Hong Kong Medical Association ("HKMA") and elected by the Council members of HKMA, and ten which two each are nominated by Department of Health, HKU, CUHK, HA and HKAM and appointed by CE.

role in MCHK in maintaining the professional competency of doctors. HKAM's role in maintaining and furthering specialist development is also doubtlessly vital in MCHK. As the major provider of healthcare services as well as doctor and specialist training, HA's representatives could provide valuable views from the perspective of employment and training needs. We consider that the representatives from these four institutions should possess substantive experience and qualifications as well as sound reputation. At present, there are seven doctor members which are directly elected and another seven which are elected by the Council members of Hong Kong Medical Association (14 in total). In addition, the Government's CSA proposes to convert two Council members nominated by HKAM to elected members. The total number of elected doctor members in MCHK will thus become 16 in total, which representation is considered sufficient.

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