

Bills Committee on Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2017

**List of follow-up actions required of the Administration
arising from the discussion at the meeting on 13 November 2017**

The Administration was requested to:

- (a) in respect of the proposed new section 3(5AA)(b) to the Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161) ("the Ordinance"), gauge and revert in writing on the views of the patient organizations on the proposed arrangement that when a vacancy occurred in the office of a lay member representing the interests of patients and the unexpired term of the office was less than one year, the Medical Council of Hong Kong ("the Medical Council") would be empowered to (i) decide whether a person nominated by any lay member of the Medical Council to fill the vacancy represented the interest of the patients; and (ii) appoint a person to fill the vacancy based on such nomination; and
- (b) revert in writing on the Medical Council's stance on a member's view that the existing mechanism put in place by the Medical Council for handling conflict of interests under disciplinary inquiries might not be able to ensure that each and every complaint would be handled in a fair and impartial manner, with particular regard to the legislative proposal that the size of the pool of lay assessors and medical assessors, to be nominated by the nominating authorities set out in the proposed new Schedule 5 to the Ordinance, would be expanded significantly.