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Bills Committee on United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) (Amendment) Bill 2017

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 20 December 2017, at 2:30 pm in Conference Room 2 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members: Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP (Chairman)

present Hon James TO Kun-sun

Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP

Hon WU Chi-wai, MH Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS

Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP

Hon CHAN Chi-chuen

Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP

Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan Hon Alvin YEUNG

Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding

Hon SHIU Ka-fai

Hon CHAN Chun-ying

Members : Hon Kenneth LEUNG

absent Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP

Hon YUNG Hoi-yan

Public Officers: Item I attending

Ms Mimi LEE Mei-mei, JP Deputy Secretary for Security 1 Ms Iris LEE Ho-ki Principal Assistant Secretary for Security A

Mr Percy LEUNG Siu-to Assistant Secretary for Security A2

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Department of Justice

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Mr Gary LI Ming-fung Government Counsel Department of Justice

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attendance Chief Council Secretary (2) 1

Staff in : Miss Evelyn LEE

attendance Assistant Legal Adviser 10

Mr Raymond LAM

Senior Council Secretary (2) 7

Ms Kiwi NG

Legislative Assistant (2) 1

I. Meeting with the Administration

The Bills Committee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

- 2. <u>The Bills Committee</u> requested the Administration to:
 - (a) consider amending the proposed section 11K(2) of the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance ("UNATMO") (Cap. 575) along the line of adding the phrase "with the intention" before "for a specified purpose";

- (b) explain the rationale for and provide background information on the difference in drafting between section 8 and the proposed section 8A of UNATMO, and consider amending section 8 of UNATMO by adding "specified under section 4 or 5" after "terrorist or terrorist associate";
- (c) provide the legal and policy considerations on whether to provide, in a piece of legislation, for the level or amount of fine imposed on a person who was convicted of an offence on indictment in the light of the fact that such fine was not provided under the proposed section 14(1A) and (4A) but was provided under other pieces of legislation;
- (d) advise whether there were guidelines to the court on the determination of fines upon a defendant's conviction in case where the relevant piece of legislation did not provide for the amount or level of fine to be imposed and consider specifying the level or amount of fines in the proposed section 14(1A)(a) and (4A)(a);
- (e) provide information on the fine imposed by the court in the past for offences liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for 14 years; and
- (f) confirm whether all references in UNATMO to "section 6(1) or 8" were amended under the Bill to "section 6(1), 8 or 8A".
- 3. <u>The Bills Committee</u> also requested Assistant Legal Adviser 10 to confirm whether all references in UNATMO to "section 6(1) or 8" were amended under the Bill to "section 6(1), 8 or 8A".

II. Any other business

- 4. <u>The Bills Committee</u> agreed that the next meeting would be held on 8 January 2018 at 2:30 pm to continue discussion with the Administration.
- 5. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:25 pm.

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<u>Legislative Council Secretariat</u>
17 January 2018

Proceedings of meeting of the Bills Committee on United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) (Amendment) Bill 2017 held on Wednesday, 20 December 2017, at 2:30 pm in Conference Room 2 of the Legislative Council Complex

Time	Speaker	Subject(s) / Discussion	Action		
marker 000000 -	Chairman	Opening remarks	Required		
000510	Chamhan	Opening remarks			
Administr	Administration's response to issues raised at the meeting on 28 November 2017				
000511 - 000937	Chairman Mr James TO Admin	Briefing by the Administration on its response to issues raised at the meeting on 28 November 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)557/17-18(02)).			
000938 - 002524	Chairman Mr James TO Admin ALA10	Mr James TO's suggestion and the Administration's response regarding whether there was a need for amending the proposed section 11K(2) of the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance ("UNATMO") (Cap. 575) along the line of adding the phrase "with the intention" before "for a specified purpose" in order to expressly provide for the intention required under the proposed section 11K(2) by adopting a drafting approach similar to the approach adopted in the proposed section 11K(1). The Administration was requested to consider amending the proposed section 11K(2) of UNATMO along the line of adding the phrase "with the intention" before "for a specified purpose".	Admin		
Continuat	Continuation of clause-by-clause examination of the Bill				
002525 - 010729	Chairman Admin Mr James TO ALA10	Examination of clause 5 of the Bill. Mr James TO's questions and the Administration's response regarding: (a) the difference in drafting between section 8 and the proposed section 8A of UNATMO; and (b) whether section 8 of UNATMO should be amended by adding "specified under section 4 or 5" after "terrorist or terrorist associate" in section 8.			

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marker		The Administration was requested to explain the rationale for and provide background information on the difference in drafting between section 8 and the proposed section 8A of UNATMO, and consider amending section 8 of UNATMO by adding "specified under section 4 or 5" after "terrorist or terrorist associate". Mr James TO's question regarding whether there were existing provisions in UNATMO on dealing with terrorist property. The Administration's response that provisions on freezing terrorist property as well as the definition of "deal with" were set out in section 6 of UNATMO. Mr TO's view that it might be unfair to prohibit a family member of a terrorist from dealing with property owned jointly by the terrorist and the family member, if the property had not been derived from proceeds of crime. It might also be unfair to prohibit a terrorist who had already served his sentence for terrorist activity from dealing with property which had not been derived from proceeds of crime for the purpose of meeting the his own medical expenses. The Administration's response that under section 6 of UNATMO, the Secretary for Security might grant a licence for dealing with terrorist property under certain conditions and exceptions. Section 15(1) of UNATMO had set out the conditions and exceptions which might be specified in such a licence. Such exceptions might relate to reasonable living expenses, reasonable legal expenses and payments liable to be made under the Employment Ordinance	Required Admin
010730 -	Chairman	(Cap. 57). Examination of clauses 6 and 7 of the Bill.	
013238	Mr CHUNG Kwok-pan Mr James TO Admin	Mr CHUNG Kwok-pan's question regarding how the proposed section 11K(2) of UNATMO would be implemented.	
		The Administration's response that the provision might be enforced through:	

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		(a) notifying the jurisdiction concerned under the existing international cooperation mechanism; or	•
		(b) international cooperation as provided for under the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Ordinance (Cap. 525). Such assistance included the rendering of assistance to jurisdictions in the absence of an operative bilateral agreement on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters with the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and an applicable multilateral convention on the basis of a reciprocity undertaking from the requesting jurisdictions.	
		Mr James TO's questions regarding the effect of the proposed sections 11L and 11M of UNATMO.	
		The Administration's response that the proposed section 11L of UNATMO prohibited the financing of the travel of any person between states for a specified purpose. The proposed section 11M of UNATMO prohibited organizing or facilitating travel for a specified purpose, regardless of whether the travel was eventually completed.	
		Mr James TO's question regarding whether the provisions in the proposed section 12(2A) concerning disclosure were found in other existing legislation.	
		The Administration's response that similar provisions could be found in section 25A of the Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance (Cap. 455) and section 25A of the Drug Trafficking (Recovery of Proceeds) Ordinance (Cap. 405).	
013239 - 014953	Chairman Admin Mr CHUNG Kwok-pan	Examination of clause 8 of the Bill. The Administration was requested to:	Admin
	Mr James TO ALA10	(a) provide the legal and policy considerations on whether to provide, in a piece of legislation, for the level or amount of fine imposed on a person who was convicted of	AMIIII

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		an offence on indictment in the light of the fact that such fine was not provided under the proposed section 14(1A) and (4A) but was provided under other pieces of legislation; (b) advise whether there were guidelines to the	
		court on the determination of fines upon a defendant's conviction in case where the relevant piece of legislation did not provide for the amount or level of fine to be imposed and consider specifying the level or amount of fines in the proposed section 14(1A)(a) and (4A)(a); and	
		(c) provide information on the fine imposed by the court in the past for offences liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for 14 years.	
014954 - 015350	Chairman Admin	Examination of clause 9 of the Bill.	
013330	Mr James TO	Mr James TO's remarks that:	
		(a) the phrase "may relate but are not limited to" in section 15(1)(b) of UNATMO should be amended along the line of "may relate to any expenses, but are not limited to"; and	
		(b) he might consider moving a Committee stage amendment ("CSA") to such effect, if the Administration would not move such a CSA.	
		The Administration's response that the meaning of the provision concerned was clear and there was not a need for the suggested amendment.	
015351 - 015632	Chairman Admin	Examination of clause 10 of the Bill.	
22332	Mr James TO	The Administration and ALA10 were requested to confirm respectively whether all references in UNATMO to "section 6(1) or 8" were amended under the Bill to "section 6(1), 8 or 8A".	Admin ALA10
015633 - 015700	Chairman Admin	Examination of clause 11 of the Bill.	

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015701 -	Chairman	Date of next meeting.	
015811	Admin		

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