The Health Committee

7.1 The Health Committee (HC) is established to deal with the health aspect of medical practitioners whose fitness to practise medicine is called into question. It acts in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Medical Practitioners (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulation.

7.2 The functions of the HC are as follows:-

- (a) to conduct a hearing into any case or matter concerning the health or physical or mental fitness to practise of any registered medical practitioner, whether the case or matter has been investigated by the PIC or not;
- (b) to conduct a hearing into matters referred to it by the Council under section 21(1);
- (c) to make a recommendation to the Council, after due hearing conducted under paragraph (a) or (b) above, that the name of a registered medical practitioner be removed from the General Register permanently or for any period not exceeding 12 months, and that such an order for removal be suspended subject to such conditions as recommended by the HC, where appropriate; and
- (d) to recommend the extension, not exceeding 12 months, of a period of temporary removal of name recommended under paragraph (c) above.

7.3 The membership of the HC (as at 31 December 2005) was as follows:-

Dr LEONG FUNG Ling-yee, Lilian, JP (Chairman)

Mrs CHENG CHO Chi-on, Mariana, BBS, JP

Dr CHOW Pak-chin

Dr CHUNG Wai-hung, Thomas

Dr FOO Kam-so, Stephen

Dr LEUNG Chi-chiu

Dr LEUNG Ting-hung, JP

Dr LI Chung-ki, Patrick, BBS

Dr POON Tak-lun

Dr SHUM Ping-shiu, BBS, JP

Dr YUEN Hon

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7.4 In 2005, the HC held a hearing to consider 1 case relating to fitness to practise which was referred to it jointly by the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the PIC in 2004. The registered medical practitioner concerned was found mentally fit to practise.