

7 *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 2009) was as follows:-
Dr CHIU Shing-ping, James (Chairman) (from 7 January 2009 onwards)
Dr CHOW Chun-kwan, John
Professor LEE Shui-shan
Dr LEUNG Pak-yin, JP (from 12 February 2009 onwards)
Dr LI Seung-yau, Derek
Dr POON Tak-lun
Mrs TAI POON Ching-sheung, Joyce, BBS, JP
Dr TSANG Chiu-yee, Luke
Dr TUNG Yuk
Dr WONG Josephine Grace Wing-shan
Dr WONG Shou-pang, Alexander (from 7 January 2009 onwards)
- 7.4 In 2009, there were 2 cases referred to the HC by the PIC. Of these 2 cases, one case had been put on hold as the Council had ordered the removal of the name of the doctor concerned from the General Register due to his failure to renew his annual practising certificate. As regards the remaining case, the hearing of the HC would be scheduled in 2010.