Ad hoc body may examine / censor bill

THE possibility of setting up an ad hoc group to study the the Control of Indecent and Obscene Articles Ordinance Amendment Bill and its implications will be discussed in the Legislative Council in housing meeting this Friday.

The proposed amendment bill has raised concern among pornographic video distributors and retailers, leaving many "confused" and "disgruntled" according to a video distributor representative.

The Government announced that video and laser discs dubbed from Category III films would come under the control of Indecent and Obscene Articles Ordinance.

Films ruled by the Obscene Articles Tribunal (OAT) as Class II (of Category III) would be restricted from minors under the age of 18, while those ruled as Class III would be banned.

Mr Lam argued the amendment bill would not deny minors access to adult video cassettes.