

Improvements since the previous report:

Occupational Deafness (Compensation)(Amendment) Ordinance 2010

- (a) **Coverage of employees:** extending the coverage of compensation to employees who have developed noise induced deafness in only one ear because of their employment;
- (b) **Reimbursement of expenses incurred in purchasing, repairing and replacing hearing assistive devices:** increasing the maximum reimbursable amount for the expenses incurred in purchasing, repairing and replacing hearing assistive devices from \$18,000 to \$36,000, and to increase the first time reimbursable amount for such devices from \$9,000 to \$12,000; and
- (c) **Provision of further compensation:** providing further compensation for claimants whose hearing losses deteriorate as a result of their continued employment in noisy occupations for three years after their previous successful application.