Dear Sir,

Please excuse the brevity of this submission which is being sent from the Singapore airport departure lounge.

1. Should industry bodies be allowed to deal with complaints against Accredited Professionals on behalf of the Chief Executive of DPTI?

No.

There must be an independent body to deal with complaints. To do otherwise will be a case of Caesar judging Caesar, and that went well. Complaints may not be properly dealt with as self-interest is involved. The proposal appears to be intended to save the government the cost of setting up an independent assessor for complaints.

2. Should Accredited Professionals be penalised for failing to participate in audits in accordance with the Scheme?

Yes.

The retention of accreditation must be on the basis that professionals participate in audits in accordance with the scheme. This should be a requirement to ensure transparency and to show that the certifier has nothing to hide.

3. Should certificates of currency be submitted as proof of insurance, or is annual self-certification sufficient for this purpose?

Yes.

Professional bodies of which I am a member require me to submit a certificate of currency for my professional indemnity insurance. Certifiers under the scheme must also be required to prove that they have adequate and current insurance.

4. How important is design as a non-mandatory Continuing Professional Development topic compared with other non-mandatory topics?
Design should be a mandatory topic for continuing professional development.

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