

unprofessional or unethical conduct.

(3) The Council must appoint the chairperson of the preliminary inquiry committee as prescribed.

(4) The preliminary inquiry committee comprises not more than three members of whom at least one member is a member of the Council, and the other members are from the social service board concerned.

(5) The preliminary inquiry committee will further investigate, as prescribed, the merits of any case referred from the screening committee investigating unprofessional or unethical conduct and will refer the case to the disciplinary committee if applicable.

(6) The preliminary inquiry committee must, upon inviting the social service practitioner concerned, inform him or her that—

- (a) he or she is not obliged to make any statement;
- (b) that any statement made by him or her may be used in the disciplinary hearing, and
- (c) he or she is not entitled to legal representation.

(7) The preliminary inquiry committee must, after concluding the investigation, submit its report and recommendations to the relevant social service board.

(8) A Council member, or social service board member, having served on the preliminary inquiry committee may not serve on the disciplinary committee.

Appointment of disciplinary committee