

## CHAPTER 6

### RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 After having considered all the views received and deliberated in detail the relevant issues, the Panel recommends that a review on the development of the HKSAR's political system should be undertaken by the Government. In order to gauge the views of members of the public on the matter, an extensive consultation exercise should be conducted as soon as possible. The Panel considers it of paramount importance that the Government must devise a realistic timetable for the review to ensure that there could be no question of time constraints for not being able to implement any recommendations arising from the review.

6.2 The Panel further recommends that as part of the review, the Government should -

- (a) explore the feasibility of developing constitutional conventions under which principal officials shall voluntarily resign as a result of having committed serious mistakes in the formulation or implementation of government policies;
- (b) study the proposal of implementing a more flexible contract system so that principal officials may be held politically accountable for their decisions;
- (c) examine the merits of developing conventions conducive to enhancing accountability of the executive to the legislature, e.g. the appearance of the Chief Executive before LegCo on a more frequent basis to answer questions on important issues and the meeting of the Chief Secretary for Administration with leaders of political parties on a regular basis; and
- (d) study different systems of government and make recommendations on a system that would be most suitable to the circumstances of the HKSAR and acceptable to the community as a whole.