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**Legislative Council
Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services**

**Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 9 October 2003 at 8:30 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present	:	Hon Margaret NG (Chairman) Hon Albert HO Chun-yan Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP Hon James TO Kun-sun Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, JP Hon Mr Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, GBS, JP Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Members absent	:	Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS,JP (Deputy Chairman) Hon CHAN Kam-lam, JP
Clerk in attendance	:	Mrs Percy MA Chief Assistant Secretary (2)3
Staff in attendance	:	Mr Paul WOO Senior Assistant Secretary (2)3

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I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Miss Margaret NG, Chairman of the Panel for the 2002-2003 session, called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel for the 2003-2004 session.

2. Miss Margaret NG was nominated by Ms Audrey EU and the nomination was seconded by Mr Albert HO. Miss Margaret NG accepted the nomination.

3. Mr Albert HO, the member who had the highest precedence among members present, presided at the election. There being no other nomination, Mr Albert HO declared Miss Margaret NG elected as Chairman of the Panel.

Election of Deputy Chairman

4. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel for the 2003-2004 session.

5. Mr TSANG Yuk-sing was nominated by Mr Martin LEE and the nomination was seconded by Mr TAM Yiu-chung. The Chairman informed members that Mr TSANG Yuk-sing was unable to attend the meeting but he had notified the Clerk in writing that he would accept nomination for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel for the 2003-2004 session.

6. There being no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr TSANG Yuk-sing elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2003-2004 session

7. Members agreed that future regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 4:30 pm.

8. Members noted the meeting schedule for the 2003-2004 session which was tabled at the meeting.

III. Discussion items for next meeting

(Appendix V to LC Paper No. CB(2)8/03-04 -- List of outstanding items for discussion)

9. Members agreed that the next regular meeting would be held on 27

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October 2003.

Juvenile court system and proceedings (Item 17 on the List)

10. The Chairman informed members that the Administration had advised that it would be ready to brief the Panel on the findings of the consultancy study on the review of services for juvenile offenders in the 2003-2004 session. She suggested and members agreed that the Administration should be invited to brief the Panel on the consultancy study at the next meeting. She added that it had been agreed that this Panel should either hold a joint meeting with the Panel on Security or invite members of the Panel on Security to discuss the item.

11. Mr James TO said that he would seek the views of members of the Panel on Security at the Panel's meeting to be held later in the morning on whether a joint meeting of the two Panels should be held to discuss the item.

Review of provision of legal aid services (Item 6 on the List)

12. Members agreed that the Panel should continue discussion on the item at its next meeting on 27 October 2003.

(Post-meeting note : The Chairmen of this Panel and Panel on Security agreed that a joint meeting of the Panels would be held on 27 October 2003 at 4:30 pm to discuss the item "Juvenile court system and proceedings". The next meeting of this Panel would be held on 27 October 2003 at 5:30 pm to discuss the item "Review of provision of legal aid services".)

Professional Indemnity Scheme of the Law Society (Item 23 on the List)

13. Ms Audrey EU enquired about the present position on the progress of the review of the insurance arrangement under the Professional Indemnity Scheme conducted by the Law Society.

14. The Chairman said that the Law Society had advised in writing in June 2003 that the report on the review was unlikely to be available in September 2003 as originally planned, because the consultants engaged in conducting the review had to defer their visit to Hong Kong due to the World Health Organization travel advisory which was then in force. She informed members that the Law Society had held a seminar on 18 September 2003 on the issue with members of the legal profession. It was expected that the report from the Law Society would be ready by November 2003. The Chairman said that she would make a report on the latest development of the matter to the House Committee at its meeting on 10 October 2003.

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15. At the suggestion of Ms Audrey EU, the Chairman requested the Clerk to write to the Law Society on the up to date position of the review and whether it would be ready to revert to the Panel on the findings of the review at the Panel meeting to be held in November 2003.

(Post-meeting note : A letter to the Law Society enquiring about the timing of the availability of the report was issued 13 October 2003.)

16. The meeting ended at 8:42 am.

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