

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

List of follow-up actions
(Position as at 19 May 2004)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up actions required	Administration's response
1. Transcript fees	23 June 2003	<u>The Judiciary Administration</u> has been requested to respond in writing to the questions raised by members relating to the criteria for charging of transcript fees and the impact of the high transcript fees on court users, in particular the appellants.	Response awaited. The Judiciary Administration has been reminded to provide a written response as soon as possible.
2. Use of official languages for conducting court proceedings	23 February 2004	<p><u>The Judiciary Administration</u> has been requested to -</p> <p>(a) provide statistics on applications made by defendants for the court proceedings to be conducted in Chinese, the number of the applications rejected and the reasons for refusal;</p> <p>(b) advise whether there were delays in hearings due to the need to provide a bilingual judge to conduct the trial in Chinese, and the extent of such delays, if any;</p> <p>(c) provide statistics on hearings involving unrepresented parties and a breakdown of such hearings conducted in Chinese and English respectively; and</p> <p>(d) provide statistics on court judgments with translated version.</p>	Response awaited.

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3. Development of Hong Kong as a legal services centre	22 March 2004	<p><u>The Department of Justice</u> has been requested to -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) advise whether the number of arbitration cases conducted in Singapore (paragraph 23 in LC Paper No. CB(2)1644/03-04(01)) includes both domestic cases and cases involving parties from foreign countries;(b) provide a breakdown of arbitration cases handled by the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (from 2001 to 2003) in terms of domestic cases and cases involving foreign parties;(c) provide the written court judgments of the three unsuccessful applications for enforcement of Mainland arbitration awards in Hong Kong between the period 1 February 2000 to 17 September 2003; and(d) provide relevant information on enforcement of Hong Kong arbitration awards in the Mainland, including information on the number of awards successfully enforced, if available.	Response awaited.
4. Performance of Court Interpreters	22 March 2004	<p><u>The Judiciary Administration</u> has been requested to -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) provide statistics, if available, on the feedback from judges, court clerks and full-time Court Interpreters (CIs) on the performance of part-time CIs.; and	Response awaited.

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		(b) explain the measures to be introduced to improve training and monitoring of the performance of CIs.	

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