

Panel on Manpower

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 11 March 2004)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Progress of the implementation of the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) System	18.1.01	The Administration was requested to provide monthly progress reports on the implementation of the MPF System.	The progress report as at the end of February 2004 was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1662/03-04 on 11 March 2004.
2. Report on the progress of policy initiatives for the 2000-01 session and policy programmes/reviews for the 2001-02 session	2.11.01	The Administration undertook to provide reports on the progress of creation of some 30 000 jobs as announced in the Chief Executive's 2001 Policy Address with a detailed breakdown on the job posts and the industries involved on a half-yearly basis.	The fourth progress report as at 30 September 2003 was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)417/03-04 on 21 November 2003.

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3. Financial assistance to the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund	31.10.02	The Administration was requested to provide information, on a monthly or quarterly basis, on the prosecution action taken, whether successful or not, for offences in relation to arrears of wages as well as the difficulties encountered in taking out such prosecutions.	The Administration's responses providing the relevant prosecution figures for the third quarter and first nine months of 2003 and the fourth quarter and full year of 2003 were circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1430/03-04 on 19 February 2004.
4. Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals	4.4.03 (Joint meeting with the Panel on Security)	The Administration agreed to provide members with progress reports on the Scheme on a regular basis.	Progress report on the Scheme for the period from 15 July to 31 October 2003 was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)632/03-04(01) on 12 December 2003.
5. Employment programmes for graduates of tertiary institutions	17.7.03	The Administration was requested to provide a progress report on the number of graduates of the Hong Kong Institute of Education and universities being recruited under the different employment programmes launched by the Government	Response awaited

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<p>6. Impact of implementation of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) on local employment</p>	<p>20.11.03</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) give an undertaking on the timetable for conducting a quantitative impact assessment of CEPA on local employment; (b) consider reviewing the existing definition of "Hong Kong manufacturer" and adopting measures to ensure that the number of workers employed and their wages were in proportion to the output; and (c) provide information on the inspection procedures and measures to prevent illegal circumvention of origin rules in respect of Hong Kong exports to the United States. 	<p>The Administration advised on 17 February 2004 that it will conduct a quantitative analysis on the economic impact of CEPA, including its impact on local employment after the implementation of the Agreement for nine to twelve months.</p> <p>The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1402/03-04 on 18 February 2004.</p> <p>The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1402/03-04 on 18 February 2004.</p>

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7. Amendment of the Vocational Training Council Ordinance	20.11.03	The Administration agreed to provide the report conducted by the Federation of Hong Kong Industries concerning the employment of Hong Kong people in the Mainland.	The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1338/03-04 on 13 February 2004.
8. Illegal employment	15.1.04	The Administration undertook to provide information on the sentences imposed on employers convicted for employing illegal workers.	The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1478/03-04 on 24 February 2004.
9. Continuing Education Fund (CEF)	15.1.04	The Administration undertook to provide information on the number of degree holders applied for subsidy under the CEF and the type of courses they pursued.	The Administration advised on 12 February 2004 that they are not able to provide the information because applicants for CEF are not required to provide their education attainment.

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10. Extension of temporary jobs	12.2.04	The Administration undertook to provide information on the extension of temporary jobs by the Housing Department.	Response awaited

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