LegCo Panel on Public Service

List of outstanding items for discussion

(Position as at 10 March 2004)

Proposed timing for discussion

Part A Discussion items proposed by members

1. Review of civil service allowances

At the request of members at the Panel meting held on 25 April 19 April 2004 2003, the Secretary for the Civil Service undertook to brief the Panel in July 2003 on the specific proposals on the priority items for the review which are listed in paragraph 7 of the information paper provided by the Administration for the meeting.

The Administration proposes to brief the Panel in April 2004 on the Administration's review proposals in respect of individual allowances and the progress of staff consultation.

2. Employment of non-civil service contract staff

At the Panel meeting on 9 October 2003, Mr LEE Cheuk-yan expressed concern that non-civil service contract staff (NCSC staff) in various government departments are subject to substantial pay reduction and termination of employment as and when the departments decided to do so. Mr LEE considered that CSB should monitor the employment of NCSC staff by various government departments to ensure that they are paid at reasonable levels and to enhance their employment protection. He suggested that CSB be invited to brief the Panel on the subject and to provide the following information:

- (a) Number of NCSC staff employed and terminated by individual departments in the past two years and the reasons of termination;
- (b) Extent of pay reduction applied to NCSC staff by individual departments in the past two years and any planned pay reduction to be applied to NCSC staff in the coming year; and

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(c) How CSB monitors the situation to ensure that NCSC staff are paid at reasonable levels and to enhance their employment protection.

The Administration undertakes to provide the requested information in early 2004, before the proposed date for discussion of the item at the Panel meeting on 19 April 2004.

3. Civil service disciplinary mechanism and procedures

At the Panel meeting on 9 October 2003, Mr Albert CHAN referred to recent judicial review cases in which the court ruled in favour of the civil servants who launched the judicial review against the Government in respect of its decisions on disciplinary punishment. Mr CHAN considered that the Civil Service Bureau (CSB) should review the civil service disciplinary policies and procedures in the light of the court judgement to rectify any deficiencies of the existing policies and procedures. He suggested that CSB be invited to brief the Panel on the subject and to provide the following information:

- (a) Number of civil servants who launched judicial review in the past three years against the Government in respect of its decisions on disciplinary punishment and the outcome of the judicial review cases; and
- (b) Implications of the recent court judgment on the existing civil service disciplinary policies and procedures.

The Administration proposes to update the Panel on the improvement measures to the civil service disciplinary mechanism and procedures in May 2004.

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Part B Discussion items proposed by the Administration

4. Civil Service Customer Service Award 2003-2004

The Administration proposes to brief the Panel on the Civil 17 May 2004 Service Customer Service Award scheme launched by the Civil Service Bureau in 2003-04 to promote a customer-oriented service culture in the civil service.

5. Update on the development of an improved civil service pay adjustment mechanism

The Administration proposes to update the Panel on the 21 June 2004 development of an improved civil service pay adjustment mechanism.

6. Training in the civil service

The Administration proposes to update the Panel on the 21 June 2004 provision of training and development opportunities in the civil service.

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