

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

List of follow-up actions
(Position as at 23 March 2005)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up actions required	Administration's response
1. 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. A written reminder was issued on 18 January 2005.
2. Performance of Court Interpreters	22 March 2004	<p><u>The Judiciary Administration</u> has been requested to -</p>	Response awaited. A written reminder was issued on 18 January 2005.

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		<p>(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</p> <p>(b) explain the measures to be introduced to improve training and monitoring of the performance of CIs.</p>	
3. Court procedure for repossession of premises	24 May 2004	<u>The Judiciary Administration</u> has been requested to clarify with the Law Society in connection with a schedule provided by the Law Society which sets out the different steps and time required for obtaining repossession of premises after a judgment was given, and to inform the Panel of the clarification.	Response awaited. A written reminder was issued on 18 January 2005.
4. Pilot Scheme on Mediation of Legally Aided Matrimonial Cases	28 February 2005	<u>The Administration</u> has been requested to advise on how many eligible mediators who applied to participate in the Pilot Scheme possess legal qualifications.	Response awaited.
5. Subsidiary legislation relating to consular matters	28 February 2005	<u>The Administration</u> has been requested to advise whether offices set up by the Central People's Government enjoy privileges and immunities similar to consular posts and personnel in Hong Kong.	Response awaited.

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6. Appointment of Special Advocates	28 February 2005	<p><u>The Administration</u> has been requested to –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) provide a paper on the system of appointment of Special Advocates in other jurisdictions including the United Kingdom and Canada;(b) advise in writing the conditions which had to be satisfied and the guidelines which the Administration should follow in future in relation to the appointment of Special Advocates; and(c) provide the Secretary for Justice's reply to the Chairman of the Bar Association's letter to her dated 29 June 2004.	Response awaited.