

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

List of follow-up actions
(Position as at 19 May 2006)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up actions required	Administration's response
1. Use of official languages for conducting court proceedings	23 February 2004	The Judiciary Administration to - (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; (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; (c) provide statistics on hearings involving unrepresented parties and a breakdown of such hearings conducted in Chinese and English respectively; and (d) provide statistics on court judgments with translated version.	Response awaited. Written reminders were issued on 18 January and 21 September 2005 and 9 May 2006.
2. Performance of Court Interpreters	22 March 2004	The Judiciary Administration to - (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. Written reminders were issued on 18 January and 21 September 2005 and 9 May 2006.

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		(b) explain the measures to be introduced to improve training and monitoring of the performance of CIs.	
3. Court procedure for repossession of premises	24 May 2004	The Judiciary Administration 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. Written reminders were issued on 18 January and 21 September 2005 and 9 May 2006.
4. The case of Mr Michael WONG Kin-chow	3 February 2006	<p>(a) The Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) to advise, in the light of Mr Michael WONG Kin-chow's case, whether it will consider making any recommendations for follow up by the Administration, and if so, details of the recommendation; and</p> <p>(b) The Judiciary Administration to advise whether the Judiciary will take any follow up actions in relation to Mr WONG's case; and</p> <p>(c) The Civil Service Bureau (CSB) to provide a paper on the existing system of reimbursement of payment by the government to civil servants including judicial officers and on whether any improvements to the system will be considered in the light of Mr WONG's case.</p>	<p>Response from ICAC issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1245/05-06(02) on 27 February 2006.</p> <p>Response awaited. A written reminder was issued on 9 May 2006.</p> <p>Response from CSB issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1245/05-06(01) on 27 February 2006.</p>
5. Issues relating to	27 February 2006	The Administration to provide information on the	Response from the Administration issued to

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the imposition of criminal liabilities on the Government		measures taken in respect of the 156 cases of contravention of environment-related legislation reported to the Chief Secretary for Administration between 1999 and March 2003 in a tabular format in a paper for members' reference.	members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1951/05-06(01) on 9 May 2006.
6. Work of the Law Drafting Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ)	24 April 2006	DOJ to – (a) review its whole recruitment policy of legislative draftsmen by relaxing the Chinese language proficiency requirement for appointment. (b) provide information on the years of experience of legislative draftsmen in the Law Drafting Division in the past 10 years; and (c) advise in writing when the Chinese language proficiency was imposed as an entry requirement on the GC grade.	Interim reply from DOJ issued to members vide LC Paper No. 1937/05-06(02) on 8 May 2006. DOJ will revert to the Panel on the outcome of the review in due course. Response awaited. Response awaited.