

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

List of follow-up actions
(Position as at 24 November 2005)

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| 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. A written reminder was issued on 18 January 2005 and 21 September 2005. |
| 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 | Response awaited. A written reminder was issued on 18 January 2005 and 21 September 2005. |

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| | | <p>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 | 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. A written reminder was issued on 18 January 2005 and 21 September 2005. |
| 4. Budgetary arrangement for the Judiciary | 12 July 2005 | <p>The Judiciary Administration to –</p> <p>(a) explain the factors which the Judiciary had considered in deciding to withdraw the planned closure of the Tsuen Wan Magistrates' Court; and</p> <p>(b) provide information on the number (and percentage) of cases which had been listed for trial on a particular date but subsequently adjourned because the court had no time to deal with the case on the trial date.</p> | Response awaited. A written reminder was issued on 21 September 2005. |

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| 5. Chambers hearings in civil proceedings | 12 July 2005 | <p>The Judiciary Administration to –</p> <p>(a) respond to the suggestions made by Ms Anne SCULLY-HILL, Assistant Professor at the City University of Hong Kong, relating to limited reporting by a special class of law reporters on specific closed chambers hearings and access to case files to facilitate legal research; and</p> <p>(b) explain the impact, if any, of Practice Directions 25.1 and 25.2 on reporting on applications for writ of habeas corpus.</p> | Response awaited. A written reminder was issued on 21 September 2005. |