

Panel on Manpower**List of follow-up actions**

(position as at 10 February 2006)

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| 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 December 2005 was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)911/05-06 on 18 January 2006. |
| 2. 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 1 April to 31 October 2005 circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)563/05-06 on 1 December 2005. |
| 3. Work Trial Scheme to be launched by the Labour Department | 26.4.05 | The Administration agreed to review the Work Trial Scheme six months after its implementation and revert to the Panel. | Response awaited. |

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| 4. Prevention of abuse of the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund (PWIF) | 15.12.05 | <p>The Administration was requested –</p> <p>(a) to consider providing a paper setting out its legal view on the issue of requiring all restaurant proprietors to provide bank guarantees for the statutory entitlements of employees; and</p> <p>(b) to provide information on the outcome of suspected fraudulent cases involving PWIF where prosecution had been instituted.</p> | <p>Response awaited.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> |
| 5. Hong Kong's Occupational Safety Performance in 2004 and the first half of 2005 | <p>16.6.05</p> <p>15.12.05</p> | <p>The Administration was requested to report the progress of the Tripartite Committee's discussion regarding some construction companies adopting administrative measures to discourage contractors from reporting cases of occupational injuries.</p> <p>The Administration was requested to provide the results of its analysis of the occupational diseases dealt with by the Occupational Health Clinic of the Labour Department.</p> | <p>Response awaited.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> |

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| <p>6. Minimum wage and mandatory requirement on wage rates for non-skilled workers engaged in services contracted out by the Government</p> | <p>20.10.05</p> | <p>The Administration was requested to provide a written response on –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the trades to be required to follow the level of average monthly wages for the relevant industry or occupation in the Quarterly Report of Wage and Payroll Statistics published by the Census and Statistics Department; and (b) whether minimum wage would be set at a level higher than the level of Comprehensive Social Security Allowance. | <p>Response awaited.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Ditto -</p> |
| <p>7. Implications of the World Trade Organization Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA) on local employment</p> | <p>17.11.05</p> | <p>The Administration was requested to provide –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) information on the respective GPA thresholds adopted by the GPA parties and additional conditions imposed on the goods procured; (b) information on the services sectors covered by GPA and the reasons for not including printing services; | <p>Response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)994/05-06 on 1 February 2006.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Ditto -</p> |

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| | | <p>(c) a written response on whether the Administration had tried its best to secure terms that were in the best interests of Hong Kong when joining GPA in 1997;</p> <p>(d) statistics to substantiate the Administration's claim that joining GPA provided local companies with more business opportunities which, in turn, encouraged investments and created jobs;</p> <p>(e) information on those Hong Kong businesses that could not enter overseas markets previously but had managed to do so after Hong Kong joined GPA; and</p> <p>(f) information on the improvement in market access opportunity for Hong Kong businesses after joining GPA.</p> | <p>Response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)994/05-06 on 1 February 2006.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> |

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| 8. Extension of temporary jobs in the public sector | 19.1.06 | <p>(a) The Administration was requested to provide information on –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) the number of temporary jobs created in the public sector before the outbreak of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome; and(ii) when the 11 608 temporary jobs to be retained for one year in the public sector were first created and whether there would be any wage increase or decrease for these temporary jobs. <p>(b) The Administration undertook to report the results of its next review on temporary jobs to the Panel in November 2006.</p> | <p>Response awaited.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> |