

Panel on Manpower

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 24 April 2006)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
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 reports as at the end of February 2006 and March 2006 were circulated vide LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1431/05-06 and CB(2)1779/05-06 respectively on 16 March 2006 and 20 April 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.

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3. 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>
4. 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>5. 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> <p>(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</p> <p>(b) whether minimum wage would be set at a level higher than the level of Comprehensive Social Security Allowance.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>
<p>6. Extension of temporary jobs in the public sector</p>	<p>19.1.06</p>	<p>(a) The Administration was requested to provide information on –</p> <p>(i) the number of temporary jobs created in the public sector before the outbreak of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome; and</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p>

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		<p>(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> <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>7. Measures to protect the statutory entitlement of employees under the Employment Ordinance</p>	<p>16.2.06</p>	<p>(a) The Administration was requested to consider executing Labour Tribunal (LT) awards on behalf of employees; and</p> <p>(b) The Judiciary was requested to provide members with information on the relevant provisions in the Labour Tribunal Ordinance regarding the power of LT to order an employer to pay a certain sum of money as security under certain circumstances.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>Response circulated on 15 March 2006 vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1415/05-06</p>

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8. Labour Department's overall performance in labour administration in 2005	16.2.06	The Administration was requested to provide information on the number of participants of the Support for Self-Reliance Scheme who had secured employment through the Labour Department	Response circulated on 4 April 2006 vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1649/05-06
9. List of compensable occupational diseases	21.3.06	The Administration was requested to compare the list of compensable occupational diseases which LD currently uses with that of the International Labour Organisation, and provide a written response on the comparison.	Response awaited