

**Information Note
for LegCo Members' meeting with The Ombudsman
on 14 December 2005**

Review of The Ombudsman's Jurisdiction

Our review of The Ombudsman Ordinance has commenced. This is a complex exercise, involving research into the history of the current legislation and comparative studies on legislations and practices elsewhere. It will be some time before I can formulate concrete proposals.

As regards difficulties encountered, these are the occasional challenges of The Ombudsman's authority in the context of the restrictions set out in Schedule 2 to the Ordinance. At times, we have had to debate with complainants or complainee organisations over the distinction between administrative issues on the one hand and professional or policy matters on the other. I hope to address such grey areas in the review.

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