

Panel on Security

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 2 May 2007)

Subject	Date of Meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals	4 April 2003 (Joint meeting with the Panel on Manpower)	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 October 2006 to 31 March 2007 circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1739/06-07 on 2 May 2007.
2. Powers of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) to search for and seize journalistic material	29 November 2004	(a) The Department of Justice (D of J) was requested to provide a response on - (i) the basis on which D of J, upon request from the court, referred the investigation of the press coverage of <i>habeas corpus</i> proceedings relating to a witness to ICAC; (ii) why D of J did not refer the matter to an independent committee; and	Response awaited.

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		<p>(iii) whether there was any conflict of interest with ICAC carrying out the investigation work.</p> <p>(b) ICAC was requested to consider providing the following after all legal proceedings in respect of a case involving the press coverage of habeas corpus proceedings relating to a witness was completed -</p> <p>(i) information which were relevant to the case but not provided to the court, if prosecution was instituted in respect of the case; and</p> <p>(ii) all information relevant to the case, if prosecution was not to be instituted in respect of the case.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>Interim responses circulated vide LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1159/05-06 and CB(2)917/06-07 on 16 February 2006 and 19 January 2007 respectively.</p>

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3. Provision of emergency ambulance service	7 June 2005	<p>The Administration was requested to provide -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) its quantitative analyses of the additional demand for emergency ambulance service arising from the opening of Disneyland and development of Lantau Island, the increased number of visitors associated with the Individual Visit Scheme and the international conferences to be held in Hong Kong, the opening of new ambulance depots, and advise whether the net increase in manpower proposed could meet with such increased demand;(b) statistics on the response time performance in the New Territories before and after the Third Generation Mobilising System came into operation; and(c) information on the implementation of a priority despatch system in overseas countries.	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>

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4. Transfer of sentenced persons between the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government and the Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR) Government	Meeting of the Bills Committee on Transfer of Sentenced Persons (Amendment) (Macau) Bill	<p>The Administration undertook -</p> <p>(a) to draw up internal guidelines for determining "close ties" with a place when more such cases have been established, and provide a copy of the guidelines to the Panel; and</p> <p>(b) to inform the Panel of the progress of implementation of the Arrangement on Transfer of Sentenced Persons between the HKSAR Government and the MSAR Government one year after the Arrangement came into operation.</p>	<p>Response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1562/06-07 on 13 April 2007.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Ditto -</p>
5. Rules and directions for the questioning of suspects and the taking of statements : Caution Statement	3 January 2006	The Administration was requested to consider adding the sentence "You have the right to remain silent" to the beginning of the caution administered by law enforcement agencies when interviewing a suspect.	Response awaited.

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<p>6. Problem of indebtedness of Police officers</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information on a half-yearly basis -</p> <p>(a) the number of Police officers with unmanageable debts together with a breakdown of reasons for incurring debts;</p> <p>(b) a breakdown of the number of incoming and outgoing Police officers with unmanageable debts;</p> <p>(c) a breakdown of the periods for which these officers had had unmanageable debts;</p> <p>(d) the number of garnishee orders (i.e. notice of tax recovery) issued to Police officers and a breakdown of the amount of garnishee orders issued; and</p> <p>(e) the number of Police officers who were at the same time receiving notice of tax recovery and repaying salary advances under Civil Service Regulation 618 and loans from the Police Welfare</p>	<p>Statistics for the period up to the second half of 2006 circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1229/06-07(01) on 7 March 2007.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>

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7. Proposed changes to the requirement of obtaining customer's identification and record keeping in remittance and money-changing transactions	7 November 2006	<p>The Administration was requested to provide, in July 2007, -</p> <p>(a) a progress report on the issue of establishing a regulatory body for remittance agents and money changers; and</p> <p>(b) a comparison of the regulatory regime in Hong Kong and that of other places such as Singapore and Taiwan.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>
8. Fourth and Fifth Reports of the People's Republic of China under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment - Part Two : Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	5 December 2006	<p>The Administration was requested to provide -</p> <p>(a) a written response to the issues raised in the submissions from the Society for Community Organization and the Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor;</p> <p>(b) information on the offences committed by detained asylum seekers and torture claimants and the length of period, especially the longest period, for which such</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>

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		<p>persons had been detained;</p> <p>(c) information on the number of persons granted refugee status and the number of such persons who had settled overseas among the cases referred to in paragraph 13 of the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)496/06-07(01));</p> <p>(d) information about the situation of abuse of the existing mechanism by torture claimants;</p> <p>(e) a response on whether the Police officers concerned in the case of <i>The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region v Chuen Lai-sze and others</i> should have been prosecuted under the Crimes (Torture) Ordinance, and advise the Panel of any follow-up actions taken by the Police in view of the case;</p> <p>(f) a response from a legal point of view on the statement that lawful sanctions should be subject to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>

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		Degrading Treatment or Punishment; (g) statistics on deaths in official custody; and (h) information about the percentage of staff of the Immigration Department who had undergone training in handling torture claims.	Response awaited. - Ditto -
9. The latest drug abuse situation and anti-drug strategies	6 February 2007	The Administration was requested to provide statistics on Hong Kong residents arrested for drug abuse in the Mainland in six months' time.	Response awaited.
10. Replacement of Customs patrol launches	6 March 2007	The Administration was requested to provide information about the maximum fines and imprisonment terms imposed on persons who had been successfully prosecuted in sea smuggling cases.	Response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1521/06-07 on 10 April 2007.
11. Replacement of the radio system of the Operations Wing of the Hong Kong Police Force	6 March 2007	The Administration was requested to provide a response on the security issues associated with the proposed new radio system of the Police's Operations Wing.	Response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1544/06-07 on 11 April 2007.

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12. Prison development	3 April 2007	<p>The Administration was requested -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) to provide information on the following facilities that were currently provided in the eight penal institutions converted from buildings previously used for other purposes and the plans, if any for the provision of additional facilities in these penal institutions :<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) facilities for counseling of inmates;(ii) facilities for education and training of inmates;(iii) indoor sports and recreation facilities;(iv) facilities for religious activities; and(v) working areas for voluntary agencies providing services for inmates.(b) to provide information on the short-term measures, if any,	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>

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		adopted to address the problem of shortage of facilities.	
13. Civil celebrant of marriages	3 April 2007	The Administration was requested to provide a response on reports that a couple who celebrated their marriage were not allowed to kiss each other in the ceremony on the ground that physical contact with a prisoner was prohibited.	Response awaited.