

**Information Note  
for LegCo Members' meeting with The Ombudsman  
on 11 December 2006**

**Review of The Ombudsman Ordinance**

The Office has completed its review of The Ombudsman Ordinance. Our findings relating to both the operation of the Ordinance and The Ombudsman's jurisdiction are being written up in two parts, as summarized below:-

**Part I -**

- (a) whether it would be appropriate to bring in some organizations which are not currently subject to The Ombudsman's jurisdiction by including them in Schedule 1 of The Ombudsman Ordinance, Cap. 397;
- (b) whether some existing restrictions on The Ombudsman's investigative powers as set out in Schedule 2 of the Ordinance should be relaxed; and
- (c) to highlight an apparent conflict between the secrecy requirements in The Ombudsman Ordinance and other ordinances.

**Part II** - to review and report on some developments in overseas ombudsman jurisdictions and to consider their implications for Hong Kong's ombudsman system.

**Part I** of the review has been presented to the Administration in November 2006. **Part II** is still in progress.

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