

Panel on Security

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 30 April 2008)

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 2007 to 31 March 2008 circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1660/07-08 on 18 April 2008.
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;	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>
3. Provision of emergency ambulance service	7 June 2005	The Administration was requested to provide information on the implementation of a priority despatch system in overseas countries.	Response awaited.

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4. 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.
5. Problem of indebtedness of Police officers	-	<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>Statistics for the period up to the second half of 2007 circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1368/07-08(01) on 17 March 2008.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>

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		(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 Fund.	Statistics for the period up to the second half of 2007 circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1368/07-08(01) on 17 March 2008.
6. 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 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</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>

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		<p>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 Degrading Treatment or Punishment;</p> <p>(g) statistics on deaths in official custody; and</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>

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		(h) information about the percentage of staff of the Immigration Department who had undergone training in handling torture claims.	Response awaited.
7. Latest developments in the provision of rehabilitative services by the Correctional Services Department	3 July 2007	<p>The Administration was requested to provide -</p> <p>(a) the report of the consultancy study which formed the basis for the development of the Risks and Needs Assessment and Management Protocol for Offenders;</p> <p>(b) the percentage of local inmates and local prisoners with sentences of two years or above who had undergone assessment of re-offending risks and rehabilitative needs, advise whether there were case managers to follow up the cases, the average caseload of a case manager and provide a copy of the questionnaire used in such assessment;</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>

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		<p>(c) information, in terms of person-hours, on inmates and prisoners who had used computers and those who had received computer training in penal institutions;</p> <p>(d) information on the number of volunteers who had served as instructors of computer courses in penal institutions and the number of offenders who had applied for computer courses but were not offered a place, and information on its plans to update the facilities for providing rehabilitative services in old penal institutions; and</p> <p>(e) a comparison of the percentage of inmates and prisoners who had been provided vocational training between Hong Kong and other places.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>

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8. Corruption in building management	17 October 2007	The Independent Commission Against Corruption undertook to provide a paper on corruption in building management in six months' time.	Response awaited.
9. Police's practices regarding handling of searches of detainees	4 March 2008	<p>(a) The Administration was requested to -</p> <p>(i) in connection with 81 cases of detainees causing self-harm in Police custody over the past three years, provide information on the number of cases where searches had been conducted prior to detention, and the articles used by the detainees to cause self-harm;</p> <p>(ii) clarify whether lawyers would be one of the classes of persons under the new Police General Order 49-04(b) whose presence was necessary for the conduct of the search;</p> <p>(iii) provide information on its previous expenditure on the Police's Communal</p>	<p>Response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1546/07-08(01) on 9 April 2008.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>

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		<p>Information System (CIS) and the subsequent upgrading of the system;</p> <p>(iv) explain why statistics on strip searches could not be retrieved from CIS, despite the fact that one of the functions of CIS was to record the detention, movement and release of arrested persons;</p> <p>(v) provide information on the measures that had been undertaken by the Police to improve its procedures on the searches of detainees after the complaint on strip search lodged by Mr LAU Shan-ching was substantiated;</p> <p>(vi) provide a response to the issues raised/suggestions made by Members at the meeting on 4 March 2008; and</p>	<p>Response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1546/07-08(01) on 9 April 2008.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>

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	10 April 2008	(b) The Administration was requested to provide the findings of the Police's exploration of the possibility of acquiring equipment to assist Police officers in conducting searches of detainees, with a view to minimising the need for complete removal of clothing during body searches.	Response awaited.
10. Review Report on the use of handguns in the Hong Kong Police Force	8 January 2008	The Administration was requested to provide more information about cases of marine Police officers dropping their guns in 2007.	Response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1659/07-08(01) on 18 April 2008.
11. Criminal damage to advertisement signboards of Legislative Council Members	31 January 2008	The Police was requested to provide information on the number of cases of criminal damage to advertisement signboards of Legislative Council Members and the number of cases detected in the past three years.	Response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1712/07-08(01) on 23 April 2008.
12. Review of the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme (the Scheme)	19 February 2008	<p>The Administration was requested -</p> <p>(a) to provide the application form for the Scheme;</p> <p>(b) to provide information on the reasons for success/failure of different categories of applicants,</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>

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		<p>the average score and profile of successful applicants under the original Scheme;</p> <p>(c) to provide information on the process of selection of applicants by the Advisory Committee on Admission of Quality Migrants and Professionals and the selection criteria;</p> <p>(d) to provide a comparison of the number of applications received and number of successful applicants before and after the implementation of the revised Scheme; and</p> <p>(e) to gather, through the Scheme, information on why talents were attracted/not attracted to Hong Kong and provide members with the findings.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>
13. Review of the Frontier Closed Area	19 February 2008	The Administration was requested to provide a timetable for releasing Sha Tau Kok town from the Frontier Closed Area when submitting its funding request for the secondary boundary fence and associated works to the Finance Committee.	Response awaited.

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14. Civil claims against law enforcement agencies	10 April 2008	<p>The Administration was requested to provide -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) statistics on civil claims against individual law enforcement officers; (b) a breakdown of cases settled with compensation paid between those settled in court and those settled out-of-court; (c) a brief summary for each of the cases settled with payment of compensation in the Annex to the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)1060/07-08(05)); (d) the judgments delivered by the court in cases settled with the payment of compensation in the past 10 years; (e) information on the disciplinary proceedings instituted, if any, in the respective cases referred to in paragraph (d) above and whether the findings of the disciplinary proceedings differed from those of the court proceedings; and 	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>

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		(f) information on the reasons for incorporating a confidentiality clause in each case of settlement with payment of compensation and explain why the principle of transparency was overridden in such cases.	Response awaited.
15. Youth drug abuse	10 April 2008	<p>The Administration was requested -</p> <p>(a) to provide information on its pilot scheme on enhancing collaboration between medical practitioners and social workers for the provision of body check service and motivational interviews to young substance abusers; and</p> <p>(b) to refer to the Research Advisory Group for consideration the need to conduct a further review on acupuncture therapy, particularly its effectiveness in the treatment of psychotropic drug abuse, and revert to the Panel.</p>	<p>Response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1688/07-08(01) on 22 April 2008.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>