

Panel on Security

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 8 October 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 circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2760/06-07 on 2 October 2007.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>

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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 first half of 2007 circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2610/06-07(01) on 8 August 2007.</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 first half of 2007 circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2610/06-07(01) on 8 August 2007.
6. 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 circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2572/06-07 on 30 July 2007.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>
7. 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>	Response awaited.

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		<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 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>Response awaited.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>

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		<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>(h) information about the percentage of staff of the Immigration Department who had undergone training in handling torture claims.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>
8. 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 circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2539/06-07 on 30 July 2007.
9. Prison development	3 April 2007	<p>The Administration was requested -</p> <p>(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</p>	Response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2036/06-07 on 1 June 2007.

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		<p>facilities in these penal institutions :</p> <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. <p>(b) to provide information on the short-term measures, if any, adopted to address the problem of shortage of facilities.</p>	<p>Response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2036/06-07 on 1 June 2007.</p>

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10. 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 circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2036/06-07 on 1 June 2007.
11. Manpower deployment of the Immigration Department (ImmD)	8 May 2007	<p>The Administration was requested to provide -</p> <p>(a) a response to the issues raised by the staff unions of ImmD in respect of improvement of facilities, inadequacy of manpower and accumulation of leave; and</p> <p>(b) a comparison of the average accumulated leave between the staff of ImmD and those of other disciplined forces.</p>	<p>Response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2284/06-07(02) on 26 June 2007.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Ditto -</p>
	3 July 2007	The Administration was requested to provide an update on the subject at the next briefing of the Secretary for Security on the Chief Executive's Policy Address.	Response awaited.

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12. Police's support for the enforcement work of other government departments	5 June 2007	The Administration was requested to provide information on cases, if any, where Tobacco Control Inspectors had encountered resistance or violence in its enforcement of the Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance and sought the assistance of the Police.	Response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2785/06-07 on 4 October 2007.
13. Processing of notification of public meetings and processions under the Public Order Ordinance	5 June 2007	<p>The Administration was requested to -</p> <p>(a) advise whether the Police had any record on public meetings and public processions held before 1997; and</p> <p>(b) provide information on whether the issue of low visibility had been raised in the Police's previous objections to the holding of public processions.</p>	<p>Response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2785/06-07 on 4 October 2007.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Ditto -</p>
14. 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>	Response awaited.

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		<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>(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>Response awaited.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>

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		(e) a comparison of the percentage of inmates and prisoners who had been provided vocational training between Hong Kong and other places.	Response awaited.
15. Transport and complementary arrangements for cross-boundary students	3 July 2007	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a response, by the end of July 2007, to the following views expressed by members -</p> <p>(a) arrangements should be made for school coaches to use the Lo Wu Station Road outside the Lo Wu Control Point at staggered hours so that more Closed Area Permits could be issued at least to all cross-boundary students of primary schools and kindergartens;</p> <p>(b) school coaches should be allowed to take cross-boundary students at the Lok Ma Chau Control Point and use the public transport interchange at the Lok Ma Chau Terminus of the Spur Line;</p>	<p>Response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2634/06-07 on 20 August 2007.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>

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		<p>(c) either the concessionary fares for Lo Wu residents should apply to cross-boundary students or subsidy should be provided to cross-boundary students using train service to or from Lo Wu Station; and</p> <p>(d) in the longer term, the transport needs of cross-boundary students should be met through the operation of cross-boundary school coaches taking these students from Shenzhen to their schools in Hong Kong and back to Shenzhen. The Administration should provide subsidy for students using such a service.</p>	<p>Response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2634/06-07 on 20 August 2007.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>