

**Motion on  
“Relaxing the eligibility criteria for legal aid”**

**Progress Report**

The Administration noted Members’ views expressed during the debate on the motion on relaxing the eligibility criteria for legal aid at the Council meeting on 11 February 2009. We are currently conducting the five-yearly review of the criteria for assessing the financial eligibility of legal aid applicants, and will take into account Members’ views in the process of examination of the implications and way forward of various issues covered in the review including, for example, the current approach used to assess the financial eligibility limits; the methods for computing the disposable income and disposable capital; and the mechanism for collecting information on private litigation costs.

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