

Panel on Security

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 29 January 2009)

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 April 2008 to 30 September 2008 circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)168/08-09 on 28 October 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 2008 circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)646/08-09 on 13 January 2009.</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 2008 circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)646/08-09 on 13 January 2009.
6. 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.
7. Police's practices regarding handling of searches of detainees	14 October 2008	The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the suggestions referred to in the report of the Subcommittee on Police's Handling of Searches of Detainees.	Interim response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)144/08-09 on 24 October 2008.

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10. Management and security of Police stations	2 December 2008	The Administration was requested to provide information on the management and security of Police stations in view of a recent case where a Police officer was accused of raping a young woman inside a Police station.	Response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)672/08-09 on 14 January 2009.
11. Proposed Rules of Court and Code of Practice to be made for the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance	2 December 2008	The Administration was requested to provide further information explaining whether and how the code of practice under the Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance (Cap. 455) would be updated to ensure procedural consistency with the code of practice to be made under the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance (Cap. 575).	Response awaited.
12. Assistance provided by the Administration to Hong Kong residents encountering problems outside Hong Kong	2 December 2008	The Administration was requested to provide a paper setting out the chronology of events in respect of the crisis in Thailand which resulted in hundreds of Hong Kong residents stranded in Bangkok, including information on when the government decided to arrange chartered flights, government officials involved in the decision of sending or not sending chartered flights, the total amount of public money spent on the evacuation	Response awaited.

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		and information on the review to be conducted by the Security Bureau.	
13. Regulation of indoor fireworks display in Hong Kong	6 January 2009	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information in view of a recent fatal nightclub blaze in Thailand which was reported to have been caused by indoor fireworks display -</p> <p>(a) the regulation of indoor fireworks display, especially those inside entertainment establishments, in Hong Kong; and</p> <p>(b) the measures adopted by the Administration to prevent the occurrence of such incidents in Hong Kong.</p>	<p>Response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)745/08-09 on 29 January 2009.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Ditto -</p>
14. Pilot scheme on Express e-Channel	6 January 2009	The Administration was requested to provide the Panel with the findings of the review on the pilot scheme to be conducted in the second half of 2009.	Response awaited.

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15. Crime situation in Hong Kong	21 January 2009	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1099 373 1637 608">(a) detailed information about the Force's integrity management initiatives, including the implementation of the Integrated Integrity Management Framework;<li data-bbox="1099 659 1637 935">(b) the new measures adopted by the Police in handling domestic violence cases, including the programme which sought to support victims and enhancement measures to improve the Central Domestic Violence Database;<li data-bbox="1099 986 1637 1182">(c) number of participants of unauthorized public meetings or public processions prosecuted for assault on Police officers in 2008; and<li data-bbox="1099 1233 1637 1385">(d) provide a response on whether the Police would review and update the integrity-related training for new recruits and serving officers.	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p> <p>- Ditto -</p>