Panel on Security

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 26 May 2009)

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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 2008 to 31 March 2009 circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1435/08-09 on 29 April 2009.
2. Powers of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) to search for and seize journalistic material	29 November 2004	(a) The Department of Justice (DoJ) was requested to provide a response on - (i) the basis on which DoJ, upon request from the court, referred the investigation of the press coverage of *habeas corpus* proceedings relating to a witness to ICAC; (ii) why DoJ did not refer the matter to an independent committee;	Response awaited.

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		(iii) whether there was any conflict of interest with ICAC carrying out the investigation work; (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 - (i) information which were relevant to the case but not provided to the court, if prosecution was instituted in respect of the case; and (ii) all information relevant to the case, if prosecution was not to be instituted in respect of the case.	Response awaited. 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.
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 (LEAs) when interviewing a suspect.	Response awaited.
5. Problem of indebtedness of Police officers	-	The Administration was requested to provide the following information on a half-yearly basis -	
		(a) the number of Police officers with unmanageable debts together with a breakdown of reasons for incurring debts;	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.
		(b) a breakdown of the number of incoming and outgoing Police officers with unmanageable debts;	- Ditto -
		(c) a breakdown of the periods for which these officers had had unmanageable debts;	- Ditto -
		(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	- Ditto -
		(e) the number of Police officers who	Statistics for the period up to

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		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.	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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8. 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.
9. 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 and information on the review to be conducted by the Security Bureau.	Response awaited.

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10. 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.
11. Concluding observations of the Committee Against Torture on the second periodic report of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	3 February 2009	The Administration was requested to provide the following information - (a) with regard to participants of unauthorized public meetings or public processions arrested for assaulting Police officers - (i) to advise the criteria adopted by the Police for determining whether an offender should be prosecuted in accordance with the Offences Against the Person Ordinance (Cap. 212) or the Police Force Ordinance (Cap. 232); (ii) to provide the number of prosecutions instituted in the past five years by the Police under Cap. 212; (iii) to explain under what circumstances offenders would be charged by the Police for assault on Police	Response awaited.

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		officers; (iv) to advise whether DoJ had issued any guidelines on the application of the two Ordinances mentioned in (i) above in prosecutions against assaulting Police officers and if so, to provide the Panel with the guidelines;	
		(b) in respect of Ms LI Yuen-yee's case, to provide the Police's investigation report together with the findings of the Coroner's Inquest held into the death of Ms LI; and	The requested information was set out in the Administration's response to the Subcommittee on Police's Handling of Sex Workers and Searches of Detainees (LC Paper No. CB(2)1169/08-09(01)) issued on 26 March 2009.
		(c) the Administration's response to the suggestion of extending the retention period, from two years to six years, for copies of the purposefully designed Custody Search Form (Pol. 1123) which had been served on the detainees.	Response awaited.

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12. Results of study of matters raised in the Annual Report 2007 to the Chief Executive by the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance	3 March 2009	The Administration was requested to provide - (a) information on the progress of the review on LEAs' intelligence management systems and the timetable for completing the review; and (b) its response to the issues raised in the submission from the Hong Kong Bar Association on the Commissioner's Annual Report 2007.	Response awaited.
13. Replacement of fixed-wing aircraft of the Government Flying Service (GFS)	5 May 2009	The Administration was requested to - (a) provide a more detailed breakdown of the expenditure items as referred to in Annex A to the Administration' paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)1419/08-09(03));	Response awaited.

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		(b) explain further GFS's unique operational requirements which necessitated extensive modifications to the two proposed jet planes and the subsequent certification work for installation of different types of mission equipment; (c) advise how it disposed of obsolete aircraft, including the two existing fixed-wing Jetstream 41 (J-41) aircraft upon the commissioning of the new aircraft by 2013; and (d) explain why the estimates of the non-recurrent expenditure of the replacement project showed an increase of about $600 million over the last replacement exercise when the two existing J-41 aircraft came into service in 1999.	Response awaited.

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14. Latest development in the provision of rehabilitative services by the Correctional Services Department (CSD)	5 May 2009	The Administration was requested to -	
		(a) provide information on measures taken by CSD to encourage adult prisoners to apply for vocational training offered for them;	Response awaited.
		(b) advise whether and how CSD would strengthen the vocational training for adult prisoners with remaining sentences of two years or more;	- Ditto -
		(c) provide information on the number of offenders who were disabled, the nature and degree of their disability, and the existing rehabilitative services provided for disabled offenders; and	- Ditto -
		(d) provide the rationale and justifications for not providing non-local inmates and prisoners with the opportunity to receive vocational training, and advise whether the Administration would review its existing policy.	- Ditto -

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15. Progress on implementation of recommendations of the Task Force on Youth Drug Abuse	5 May 2009	The Administration was requested to provide information on entertainment venues or black spots in the Mainland where Hong Kong young people had been arrested for taking drugs, including the number and location of these premises.	Response awaited.

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