

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

List of follow-up actions
(Position as at 19 May 2010)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up actions required	Administration's response
1. Review of the provision of legal aid services	24 November 2008	The Home Affairs Bureau ("HAB") to provide information on how Hong Kong compared to other jurisdictions in terms of accessibility of the middle class to legal aid.	Response awaited.
2. Development of mediation services	22 October 2009	The Department of Justice ("DoJ") to provide information on the number and percentage of employment injury compensation cases in which mediation service had been used, if available.	Response awaited.
3. Arrangements of replacing Police Constable with security guards at Magistrates' Courts	--	At the meeting held on 10 November 2009 between the Panel Chairman and the Administration to discuss the Panel's work plan, the Judiciary Administration ("JA") was requested to provide in June 2010 a report on the operation of the arrangement of replacing part of the Police Constable establishment at Magistrates' Courts with security guards.	Response awaited.
4. Drafting of legislation	15 December 2009	The Law Drafting Division ("LDD"), DoJ, to revert to the Panel on its consideration of members' suggestion of developing guidelines on the drafting of the long titles of bills.	Response awaited.
5. Research report on "Legal aid systems in selected places"	25 January 2010	HAB to explain in writing how it arrived at the figure of HK\$110 per capita in legal aid spending in Hong Kong.	Response awaited.
6. Leal Aid in Criminal Cases Rules	25 January 2010	HAB to consider the Law Society's proposal for extending legal aid to cases where references are made by the Chief Executive to the Court of Appeal under section 83P of the Criminal Procedure Ordinance (Cap. 221) and incorporating a general provision to empower the Director of Legal Aid to grant legal aid in such circumstances as he thinks fit, and to revert to the Law Society and the Panel on its consideration of the proposal.	Response awaited.

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7. Independent statutory legal aid authority	29 March 2010	The Legal Aid Services Council ("LASC") to revert to the Panel on its consideration of the requests and views expressed by the members at the meeting, including the request for LASC to advance the schedule for conducting a fresh review on the establishment of an independent legal aid authority in Hong Kong.	Response awaited.
8. Free legal advice service	29 March 2010	HAB to revert to the Panel on its recommendations for expanding free legal advice service before the start of the 2011-2012 financial year.	Response awaited.
9. Matrimonial Proceedings and Property (Amendment) Bill	29 March 2010	DoJ to provide a supplementary information paper before June 2010 on - (a) details of the legislative proposal; (b) relevant provisions of the Matrimonial and Family Proceeding Act 1984 of the United Kingdom and how far they had been incorporated into the proposed amendments; and (c) views of the two professional bodies and other consultees and the Administration's response thereto.	Response awaited.
10. Proposal to implement a verified, authenticated and searchable electronic database of Hong Kong legislation	26 April 2010	LDD to provide a response, as appropriate, to Ms Audrey EU's suggestion of engaging outside contractors to provide annotation service in the Bilingual Laws Information System.	Response awaited.