

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

**List of items tentatively scheduled for discussion at
Panel meetings in 2009-2010 session**

(Please refer to the List of outstanding items
for a brief description of the items)
(position as at 18 November 2009)

Meeting on 15 December 2009

- (a) Drafting of legislation (item 15)
- (b) Limited liability partnerships for legal practice (item 6)
- (c) Proposal for creation of two permanent posts of Deputy Principal Government Counsel in the Department of Justice (item 26)
- (d) Proposed construction of additional courtrooms and associated facilities in the High Court Building (item 9)

Meeting on 25 January 2010

- (a) Transcript fees (item 8)
- (b) Pre-trial interviewing of witnesses by prosecutors (item 11)
- (c) Non-civil service appointment of a Deputy Principal Government Counsel in the Department of Justice for implementation of the recommendations of the Working Group on Mediation (item 27)

Proposed special meeting in January 2010

- (a) Independent statutory legal aid authority (item 7)
- (b) Legal aid in Criminal Cases Rules (item 18)
- (c) Research report on "Legal aid systems in selected places" (item 19)

Meeting on 22 February 2010

- (a) Development of mediation services (item 28)
- (b) Arbitration in Hong Kong of Mainland-related disputes (item 29)

Meeting on 29 March 2010

- (a) Five-yearly review of the criteria for assessing the financial eligibility of legal aid applicants (item 2)
- (b) Free Legal Advice Service (item 5)
- (c) Matrimonial Proceedings and Property (Amendment) Bill (item 23)

Meeting on 26 April 2010

- (a) Proposed construction of the West Kowloon Law Courts Building (item 9)
- (b) The role of the Judiciary in the adjudication system under the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance (item 21)

Meeting on 24 May 2010

- (a) Mode of trial (item 14)
- (b) Conviction rates (item 24)
- (c) Trial by jury (item 25)

Meeting on 28 June 2010

- (a) Report on Conditional Fees (item 10)
- (b) Appointment of Temporary/Deputy Judges and Judicial Officers (item 16)

Timing for discussion - to be decided

- (a) Applicability of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) laws to offices set up by Central People's Government in HKSAR (item 1)
- (b) Criminal legal aid fees system (item 3)
- (c) Professional Indemnity Scheme of the Law Society (item 4)
- (d) Implementation of Civil Justice Reform (item 12)
- (e) Inclusion of the statutory Independent Police Complaints Council under the purview of The Ombudsman (item 17)

- (f) Arrangements of replacing Police Constable with security guards at Magistrates' Courts (item 20)
- (g) Proposed repeal of the Solicitors (Trade Marks and Patents) Costs Rules (item 22)

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