

Panel on Security

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 27 January 2010)

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for discussion**

Items proposed by members

1. Monitoring of anti-terrorism measures by the Administration

In the course of deliberations of the Bills Committee on United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Bill, the Administration undertook to review periodically the anti-terrorism measures set out in legislation to ensure that they were in line with the international trend. The Bills Committee agreed that the monitoring of anti-terrorism measures should be referred to the Panel for follow-up.

To be confirmed

At the suggestion of members, the subject of "Measures to combat terrorist activities in Hong Kong" was discussed at the meeting on 5 December 2002.

At the meetings on 16 January 2003 and 20 February 2003, the Panel was consulted on the proposals in the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) (Amendment) Bill 2003, which sought to implement relevant international conventions against terrorism, and to provide the means for the Secretary for Security (S for S) to effectively freeze terrorist assets which are not funds. The Administration subsequently introduced the Bill on 21 May 2003. A Bills Committee formed to study the Bill had completed its work and the Bill was passed at the Council meeting on 30 June 2004. During the resumption of Second Reading debate on the Bill, the Administration stated that it would review the reporting requirements under section 12 of the Ordinance and section 25A of the Drug Trafficking (Recovery of Proceeds) Ordinance and the Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance in the context of the exercise to put in place the Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering's Forty Recommendations (the FATF Recommendations) which was scheduled to start in 2004-2005.

In its letter dated 27 October 2004 (LC Paper No. CB(2)110/04-05(01) issued on 28 October 2004), the

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Administration advised that it planned to launch the proposed review of the suspicious transaction reporting requirements in the first quarter of 2005.

Progress reports provided by the Administration were circulated to members vide LC Paper Nos. CB(2)875/04-05, CB(2)751/05-06 and CB(2)973/05-06 on 16 February 2005, 23 December 2005 and 25 January 2006 respectively.

The review of the suspicious transaction reporting requirements was launched in the first quarter of 2005 and is still underway. The Administration will inform the Panel of the result of the review in the course of the preparation of the legislation for implementing the FATF Recommendations.

The Administration briefed the Panel on the proposed rules of court and code of practice to be made for the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance (Cap. 575) at the Panel meeting on 2 December 2008.

The Rules of the High Court (Amendment) Rules 2009 (the Rules) which sought to add a new Order 117A to the Rules of the High Court (Cap. 4 sub. leg. A) setting out the procedures for applications to the Court of First Instance for specification of persons and property as terrorists, terrorist associates or terrorist property, forfeiture of terrorist property, and production of information and material etc. were published in the Gazette on 9 October 2009. A subcommittee formed to scrutinize the Rules had completed its work. The Rules will come into operation on the day to be appointed by S for S for the commencement of sections 5, 6, 8, 13, 17 and 18 of Cap. 575 and of sections 5, 7, 12, 13, 16 and 17 of the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) (Amendment) Ordinance 2004.

2. Follow-up on issues relating to the Police's List of Recordable Offences

Issues relating to the Police's List of Recordable Offences and Certificate of No Criminal Conviction were discussed at the meeting on 2 April 2004. Members were concerned that besides some 167 recordable offences which might be recordable by the Police, offences where a heavier sentence

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would be imposed on conviction would also be recorded. They considered that the criteria for recording a conviction should be set out clearly and the records of convictions maintained by the Police should be separated from the system for issuing Certificate of No Criminal Conviction. The Administration stated that it would examine the issue having regard to the practice in other countries. Hon James TO proposed that the matter be followed up by the Panel.

3. Legislative amendments to the Public Order Ordinance and Police's internal guidelines

At its meeting on 1 November 2005, the Panel discussed issues arising from the judgment delivered by the Court of Final Appeal on the case of *LEUNG Kwok-hung and others v. the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region*. The Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2007, which incorporated legislative amendments to the Public Order Ordinance in the light of the judgement, was passed at the Council meeting on 30 April 2008.

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Separately, the Administration informed the Panel that the Police would, in consultation with the Department of Justice, review the internal guidelines for dealing with notifications of public meetings and processions. A copy of a set of new guidelines adopted by the Police on the approach to the Public Order Ordinance in relation to public meetings and public processions, as well as a related note prepared by the Police, was issued to Members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1224/05-06 on 23 February 2006 for reference.

The processing of notification of public meetings and processions under the Public Order Ordinance was discussed at the Panel meeting on 5 June 2007.

4. Interception of communications and covert surveillance

In the course of examination of the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Bill, the Administration undertook to -

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- (a) provide the Panel with an updated version of the code of practice from time to time;

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- (b) report to the Panel the outcome of the review of the intelligence management system of law enforcement agencies;
- (c) report to the Panel the results of the Administration's review on issues raised in the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance (the Commissioner)'s annual report to the Chief Executive (CE); and
- (d) provide by the end of 2009 the Administration's report on its comprehensive review on the implementation of the Bill, after the Commissioner submitted his second full-year report to CE by end June 2009.

The Commissioner had submitted his Annual Report 2008, covering the period from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008, to CE in June 2009. The Annual Report 2008 was tabled at the Council meeting on 2 December 2009. The results of the Administration's study of matters raised in the Annual Report 2008 were discussed at the Panel meeting on 7 December 2009.

5. Monitoring mechanism on government intelligence agencies

At the meeting on 8 May 2007, members agreed that a research study on the parliamentary monitoring mechanism on intelligence agencies in selected places should be conducted by the Research and Library Services Division (RLSD) of the Legislative Council Secretariat.

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 3 June 2008, Members were briefed on the main findings of the research report on the parliamentary monitoring mechanism on intelligence agencies in selected places prepared by RLSD.

At the Panel meeting on 14 October 2008, Hon Emily LAU suggested that the subject of parliamentary monitoring mechanism on intelligence agencies should be discussed at a future meeting.

On 11 February 2009, the Administration provided a written

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response to the research report prepared by RLSD on the applicability of overseas monitoring mechanisms in Hong Kong (LC Paper No. CB(2)852/08-09(01)).

6. Independent Police Complaints Council

In the course of deliberations of the Bills Committee on Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) Bill, the Bills Committee requested the Administration and the IPCC Secretariat to revert to the Panel one year after the enactment of the Bill on -

To be confirmed

- (a) the guidelines for observers and the improved forms for completion by an observer after an observation had been conducted as well as detailed statistics of visits conducted by observers; and
- (b) the improved version of the Disciplinary and Criminal Checklist submitted by the Complaints Against Police Office to IPCC.

Following the enactment of the IPCC Ordinance in July 2008, S for S had appointed 1 June 2009 as the commencement date of the Ordinance. A subcommittee formed to study the Independent Police Complaints Council Ordinance (Commencement) (No.2) Notice 2009 had completed its scrutiny of the commencement notice. The Subcommittee had requested the Administration and IPCC to revert to the Panel on Security one year after the commencement of the Ordinance on the issues arising from the Bills Committee discussions as identified above, and additionally on -

- (a) the staffing and financial situation of the statutory IPCC; and
- (b) the improved administrative arrangements for surprise observations conducted by IPCC members and observers.

The Subcommittee on Police's Handling of Sex Workers and Searches of Detainees recommended that the statutory IPCC's monitoring of the work of the Complaints Against

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Police Office in handling complaints from sex workers be followed up by the Panel on Security when it discussed the operation of the statutory IPCC at a special meeting to be held in or around July 2010.

7. Redevelopment plan for the Fire Services Training School

At its meeting on 3 June 2008, the Panel was briefed on the Administration's plan to redevelop the Fire Services Training School (FSTS). Noting that the Fire Services Department (FSD) was still determining the facilities to be installed in the redeveloped FSTS and a feasibility study on the redevelopment was being conducted by the Architectural Services Department, members requested the Administration to brief the Panel on further details about the redevelopment of FSTS before submitting the proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee.

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8. Policy and measures for enhancing the safety of sex workers

On 2 December 2008, Hon Emily LAU suggested that the Panel should discuss the issue at a future meeting.

To be confirmed

9. Latest development in the provision of rehabilitative services by the Correctional Services Department

At its meeting on 5 May 2009, the Panel was briefed on the latest developments in the provision of rehabilitative services by the Correctional Services Department. Members agreed that the Panel should follow up the subject in future.

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10. Proposed introduction of the Medical Priority Dispatch System

At the meeting on 6 July 2009, the Administration briefed the Panel on its proposal for introducing in Hong Kong a Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) to enhance the emergency ambulance service. The Administration advised

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that it would launch a four-month public consultation on the proposed MPDS. It undertook to inform the Panel of the outcome of the consultation in due course. Members agreed that the Panel should follow up the subject in future.

On 18 January 2010, the Administration arranged a visit for the Panel to the Headquarters of FSD to facilitate members' understanding of the operation of the proposed MPDS.

11. Election-related corruption reports

When receiving the briefing by the Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) at the meeting on 20 October 2009, members noted that in the first nine months of 2009, 214 election-related reports were received, of which 177 were related to the 2008 Legislative Council Election. Members expressed concern about the nature and the course of action taken by ICAC in respect of the cases. Members agreed that the Panel should follow up the subject in future.

To be confirmed

12. Measures against cross-boundary corruption

At the meeting on 20 October 2009, Hon Cyd HO suggested that measures taken by ICAC against cross-boundary corruption should be discussed at a future meeting.

To be confirmed

13. Proposed enhancement of Information Technology Infrastructure for the Hong Kong Police Force

At the meeting on 5 January 2010, Hon Audrey EU expressed concern about the Administration's plan to enhance the information technology infrastructure for the Hong Kong Police Force and suggested that the matter be discussed at a future meeting.

To be confirmed

The Administration has advised that it plans to brief the Panel on its proposal to enhance the information technology infrastructure of the Hong Kong Police Force with a view to improving internal information management and accessibility, enhancing operational efficiency and mobility

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as well as mitigating data leakage risk.

Items likely to be proposed by the Administration

14. Redevelopment of Chi Ma Wan prison area

The Administration plans to brief members on its proposal to redevelop Chi Ma Wan prison area and CSD's effort to address the problems of outdated facilities and overcrowding.

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