

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

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

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up actions required	Administration's response
1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Legal Aid in Criminal Cases Rules	25 January 2010	Home Affairs Bureau ("HAB") to consider the Law Society of Hong Kong's ("Law Society") 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.
4. Free legal advice service	29 March 2010	HAB to revert to the Panel on its recommendations for expanding free legal advice service before the end of the 2010-2011 financial year.	HAB will report to the Panel on the subject at the meeting in March 2011.

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5. 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.	Written response to be provided to the Panel by the end of 2010.
6. Five-yearly review of the criteria for assessing the financial eligibility of legal aid applicants	24 May 2010	<p>The Legal Aid Services Council ("LASC") to revert to the Panel on -</p> <p>(a) the outcome of the study by its Interest Group on Scope of Legal Aid on expansion of the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme ("SLAS"), including the feasibility of setting up a Second-tier SLAS to further improve legal aid service, in about six months' time; and</p> <p>(b) its recommendations on how assistance could be provided to employees in obtaining legal aid in employer insolvency cases and in recovery of wages.</p>	Response awaited.
7. Trial in the District Court	28 June 2010	DoJ to discuss with the two legal professional bodies on the viability of giving defendants the right to elect a jury trial and report to the Panel on the progress of the discussion in due course.	DoJ will revert to the Panel in the second quarter of 2011.
8. Five-yearly review	21 July 2010	HAB to consult the relevant parties, including DoJ, the	Response awaited.

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of the criteria for assessing the financial eligibility of legal aid applicants		Judiciary, the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Legal Aid Department ("LAD"), on the views and suggestions raised by the Chairman and Members regarding measures to assist employees in wage claims and revert to the Panel in due course.	
9. Five-yearly review of the criteria for assessing the financial eligibility of legal aid applicants	30 September 2010	<p>LASC to revert to the Panel on when it expected to complete its deliberations on the study undertaken by its Interest Group on expansion of SLAS and report accordingly, as well as its response to the views and concerns expressed by Members on the issue.</p> <p>LAD to provide relevant information and its analysis on the types of cases proposed by the Bar Association for expansion of SLAS, such as the size of the monetary claims and chance of recovery of damages, if available.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>The Administration's response is incorporated in its paper on "Progress of review of SLAS" [LC Paper No. CB(2)315/10-11(05)] for the meeting on 22 November 2010.</p>