

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 20 January 2012)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up actions required	Administration's response
1. Drafting of legislation	15 December 2009	The Law Drafting Division, Department of Justice ("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.
2. 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 fourth quarter of 2011.
3. Progress of review of Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme ("SLAS")	22 November 2010 28 March 2011	LAD to provide information on the number of cases where applicants for legal aid had turned down the grant of legal aid due to the amount contributions required to be paid and the amount of contributions involved in such cases. LAD to provide information on the actual caseload and the success rate of cases relating to sale of goods and provision of services covered under the Ordinary Legal Aid Scheme ("OLAS"). HAB to revert to the Panel on its consideration on the various issues relating to contribution by aided persons raised by members.	HAB's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)659/11-12(01) on 22 December 2011.

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		HAB to provide a progress report in June 2011 on the work of the Administration in taking forward the legislative proposals for expansion of SLAS and the proposal of including derivative claims under OLAS.	
4. Implementation of Civil Justice Reform	21 December 2010	The Judiciary Administration ("JA") to provide a written report on the progress of implementation of Civil Justice Reform.	JA's report was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)713/11-12(01) on 3 January 2012.
5. Solicitor Corporations Rules	28 March 2011	The Law Society to clarify as a matter of policy whether a solicitor corporation would be allowed to join a partnership.	Response awaited.
6. Development of mediation services	19 April 2011	DoJ to provide information on the success rate of disputes cases which were resolved through mediation, in particular those relating to building management, and on the waiting time required for the provision of mediation services.	DoJ will revert to the Panel in the fourth quarter of 2011.
7. Legal Aid in Criminal Cases Rules	19 April 2011	Subject to the Criminal Procedure Rules Committee's views, HAB to submit the Legal Aid in Criminal Cases (Amendment) Rules 2011 to Legislative Council ("LegCo") for positive vetting in May/June 2011.	HAB aims at submitting the Legal Aid in Criminal Cases (Amendment) Rules 2011 to the LegCo for positive vetting in February 2012.
8. Reciprocal recognition and enforcement of	23 May 2011	DoJ to provide a timetable for the implementation of the proposed arrangement with the Mainland on	Response awaited.

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matrimonial judgments with the Mainland		reciprocal recognition and enforcement of matrimonial judgments.	
9. Appointment of joint or joint and several attorneys under section 15(1) of the Enduring Powers of Attorney ("EPA") Ordinance	25 October & 17 November 2011 Meetings of the Bills Committee on EPA (Amendment) Bill 2011	DoJ to review in future whether there is a need to amend the requirements under section 15(1) of the EPA Ordinance for appointing attorneys to act jointly or to act jointly and severally and revert to the Panel accordingly.	Response awaited.

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