

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 21 March 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 second quarter of 2012.
3. Progress of review of Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme ("SLAS")	22 November 2010 28 March 2011	HAB to revert to the Panel on its consideration on the various issues relating to contribution by aided persons raised by members. 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.	HAB reverted to the Panel vide LC Paper No. CB(2)659/11-12(01) issued on 22 December 2011. The Administration briefed the Panel on the progress of legislative amendments and reported on the review of outstanding issues related to SLAS expansion in December 2011 (vide LC Paper No. CB(2)600/11-12(01)).

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			HAB gave notice to Legislative Council ("LegCo") on 7 March 2012 to move a resolution to effect the legislative amendments to expand the scope of OLAS and SLAS on 28 March 2012.
4. 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.
5. 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 first quarter of 2012.
6. 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 to LegCo for positive vetting in May/June 2011.	The Legal Aid in Criminal Cases (Amendment) Rules 2012 were approved by LegCo on 29 February 2012 and have been put into effect on 9 March 2012.
7. 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.	
8. 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.
9. The role of the Judiciary in the adjudication system under the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance ("COIAO")	30 January 2012	The Commerce and Economic Development Bureau to address the issue relating to the role of the Judiciary in the Obscene Articles Tribunal in the consultation paper for the second-round public consultation on the review of COIAO to be issued in a few months' time and to revert to the Panel on the progress before July 2012.	Response awaited.
10. A two-year pilot scheme to provide legal advice for litigants in person	27 February 2012	The Home Affairs Bureau to provide information relating to implementation details of the pilot scheme when being finalized in the second quarter of 2012.	Response awaited.

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11. Judicial review against a resolution of LegCo	10 February 2012 House Committee	The Administration to study the legal and procedural issues involved in a judicial review against a resolution passed by LegCo; and to consider appropriate legislative measures if necessary.	Response awaited.

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