Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 9 October 2017)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up actions required	Response of the responsible party
1. The administration of the Estate of the late Mrs Nina WANG	20 July 2015	The Department of Justice ("DoJ") was requested to provide: (a) information on the arrangements approved by the Court concerning the interim administration of the Estate of the late Mrs Nina WANG ("the Estate") as well as the background, qualification and remuneration of each Board director of the Chinachem Group; and (b) a breakdown of the properties of the Estate.	DoJ will provide the information insofar as it could be disclosed as soon as possible.
2. Biennial review of criminal legal aid fees, prosecution fees and duty lawyer fees	19 December 2016	The Home Affairs Bureau ("HAB") was requested to provide a written response on: (a) conducting a comprehensive review of the criminal legal aid fees and the duty lawyer fees, including the implementation details such as timeframe and criteria to be adopted; and	HAB will provide a written response in due course.

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		(b) if the answer to conducting the review in (a) is in the negative, the reasons.	
3. Review of Solicitors' Hourly Rates - An Update	27 February 2017	The Judiciary Administration ("JA") was requested to provide information on the number and frequency of meetings held by the Working Party on Review of Solicitors' Hourly Rates for Party and Party Taxation and by the Advisory Group of the Working Party on Review of Solicitors' Hourly Rates for Party and Party Taxation since their establishment.	JA's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)1475/16-17 on 26 July 2017.
4. Legal education and training in Hong Kong	26 June 2017	DoJ undertook to provide the list of stakeholders being consulted by the Standing Committee on Legal Education and Training ("SCLET") in preparing the report on the comprehensive review on legal education and training in Hong Kong. DoJ was requested to provide the above information before the issuance of the interim report by the SCLET.	DoJ's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)1570/16-17 on 7 September 2017.
5. Measures to prevent the misuse of the legal aid system in Hong Kong and assignment of lawyers in legal aid cases	18 July 2017	HAB was requested to provide information on: (a) breakdown of the appeal cases against Director of Legal Aid's decisions by judicial review ("JR") related and non-JR cases in respect of the applications as shown in paragraph 7 under civil legal aid for the years 2014,	HAB will provide a written response in due course.

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		2015 and 2016 of LC Paper No. CB(4)1386/16-17(03); (b) the table in paragraph 11 of LC Paper No. CB(4)1386/16-17(03) indicated that the total legal expenditure on legally aided cases involving JR in the financial year of 2016-17 was $36.3 million and accounted for 5.02% of the total legal aid cost of 2016-17. Please inform the Panel how many JR cases were involved in the financial year; (c) among the total number of civil assignments to top 10 solicitors and counsel as shown in the tables in Annex B of LC Paper No. CB(4)1386/16-17(03): (i) how many were JR-related cases; (ii) the amount of fees payable for each assignment; and (iii) provide separate lists showing the distribution of the assignments, with information on the number of nominated lawyers involved and the breakdown for different types of assignments (including civil, criminal and section 9 assignments) and different categories of cases, for the year	

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		from 2014 to 2016; (d) the success rate for legally aided cases involving JR (i.e. judgments in favour of the legally-aided persons) for the past 10 years; and (e) the breakdown of "JR cases other than non-refoulement claims" by nature in respect of the legal aid applications involving JR received and certificates granted as shown in the second and third column of the table in paragraph 11 of LC Paper No. CB(4)1386/16-17(03).	

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