

Information Note

**Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services
of the Legislative Council**

Review of 17 Ordinances

Introduction

We have committed to reviewing the 17 Ordinances that currently expressly bind the ‘Government’, but are otherwise silent on their applicability to State organs in Hong Kong.

Preliminary Result of the Review

2. We have completed the preliminary review. The preliminary results of the review are that, as a matter of policy, the State organs and their personnel should abide by the following 15 Ordinances -

- (a) Gas Safety Ordinance (Cap. 51)
- (b) Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance (Cap. 509)
- (c) Sex Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 480)
- (d) Disability Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 487)
- (e) Family Status Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 527)
- (f) Ozone Layer Protection Ordinance (Cap. 403)
- (g) Dumping at Sea Ordinance (Cap. 466)
- (h) Marine Parks Ordinance (Cap. 476)

- (i) Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap. 499)
- (j) Plant Varieties Protection Ordinance (Cap. 490)
- (k) Patents Ordinance (Cap. 514)
- (l) Registered Designs Ordinance (Cap. 522)
- (m) Arbitration Ordinance (Cap. 341)
- (n) Legislative Council Commission Ordinance (Cap. 443)
- (o) Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance (Cap. 485)

3. The Administration will work on the 15 Ordinances to see about the amendments required to reflect the above. During the process, we will also examine whether the proposed amendments should include any exemptions.

4. The Social Workers Registration Ordinance relates only to individuals and not their employers. As such, it has no relevance to either the "Government" or State organs. We are, therefore, considering necessary amendments to make it clear that the Ordinance applies to all social workers in Hong Kong, regardless of who their employers are.

5. The remaining Ordinance under review i.e. the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance is more complicated. We need to examine this Ordinance carefully before making any recommendations.

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