

Panel on Constitutional Affairs

List of issues to be considered

1. Ministerial system of government (proposed by Hon Andrew WONG on 20 July 1998)

Taking into consideration the Administration's advice that it would be impossible for a detailed discussion paper to be prepared for consideration of the Panel before the completion of the 2000 LegCo election, the Chairman, at the Panel meeting on 18 January 1999, undertook to prepare a paper on the subject for members' discussion.

2. Direct elections of LegCo Members and the Chief Executive (proposed by Hon Christine LOH on 20 July 1998)

At the Panel meeting on 18 January 1999, the Administration advised that it had been gathering information on the different systems of Government since the motion debate held on 15 July 1998, but it would not be able to provide a detailed discussion paper for members' discussion before the completion of the 2000 LegCo election.

3. Application of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (Cap. 201) (PBO) to the Chief Executive

At the Panel meeting on 9 February 1999, the Administration advised that it would review the PBO to see whether certain provisions of the Ordinance should be applicable to the Chief Executive. The Administration undertook to report to the Panel the progress of the review in due course.

4. Mechanism for amending the Basic Law

The item is scheduled for discussion at the next Panel meeting on 17 May 1999.

5. Progress of Year 2000 (Y2K) compliance exercise in Government, Government-funded and Government-regulated organizations

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