

Review of the Justices of the Peace System
- Consultation Paper

Reply Form

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My views/comments on the proposals set out in the consultation paper entitled "Review of the Justices of the Peace System" are as follows :

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>
(A) <u>Legislation</u>		
There is no need to amend the Justices of the Peace Ordinance (Cap 510) for the time being.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments (if any)

Agree

Disagree

(B) JP Visits

(1) Visits to prisons

i. To ensure that JP visits are unannounced :

(a) no advance notice should be given to the institution concerned; and

(b) JPs should be free to use private or public transport, and the Administration Wing should endeavour to ensure that the time of the visit would not be disclosed to the institution concerned if government transport is to be used.

Comments (if any)

ii. Staff of the Correctional Services Department *should* be reminded to facilitate the interviewing of prisoners by JPs in private.

Comments (if any)

Agree

Disagree

- iii. Sufficient time should be allowed for visits to more remote or larger institutions.

Comments (if any)

(2) Visits in general

- i. Arrangements *should* be made for Non-official JPs to visit a particular institution on a more regular basis if they so wished.

Comments (if any)

- ii. The list of institutions to be visited should be extended to cover other types of welfare institutions on a non-statutory basis.

Comments (if any)

Agree

Disagree

iii. Non-official JPs should be allowed the choice of either *an* Official JP or a Non-official JP as visiting partners.

Comments (if any)

iv. The latest information on complaints should be provided to visiting JPs so that they could *follow-up* on them.

Comments (if any)

v. Visiting JPs should be allowed 3 days after the visit to send in their report.

Comments (if any)

Agree

Disagree

vi. To ensure that *complaints* to JPs and JPs' comments are effectively followed up:

(a) the Administration Wing should strengthen its role as the Secretariat of the JP Scheme; and

(b) annual reports on JP visits should be compiled.

Comments (if any)

(C) Briefings for JPs

A briefing for newly-appointed JPs and a seminar for all Non-official JPs should be organised annually.

Comments (if any)

(D) Additional Duties for JPs Agree Disagree

The Administration should explore areas in which JPs may be invited to take a more active role.

Comments (if any)

(E) JP Web-site

A JP Web-site should be developed.

Comments (if any)

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