

**General Report on the Response to
the Consultation Paper on the Review of
the Justices of the Peace System**

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No Comments</u>	<u>Other Comments</u>
(A) <u>Legislation</u>				
There is no need to amend the Justices of the Peace Ordinance (Cap 510) for the time being.	197 (90.0%)	12 (5.5%)	6 (2.7%)	4 (1.8%)
(B) <u>JP Visits</u>				
(1) Visits to prisons				
<i>i.</i> To ensure that JP visits are unannounced:				
(a) no advance notice should be given to the institution concerned; and	180 (82.2%)	32 (14.6%)	5 (2.3%)	2 (0.9%)
(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.	166 (75.8%)	37 (16.9%)	10 (4.6%)	6 (2.7%)
<i>ii.</i> Staff of the Correctional Services Department should be reminded to facilitate the interviewing of prisoners by JPs in private.	189 (86.3%)	22 (10.0%)	4 (1.8%)	4 (1.8%)
<i>iii.</i> Sufficient time should be allowed for visits to more remote or larger institutions.	210 (95.9%)	4 (1.8%)	4 (1.8%)	1 (0.5%)
(2) Visits in general				
<i>i.</i> Arrangements should be made for Non-official JPs to visit a particular institution on a more regular basis if they so wished.	177 (80.8%)	29 (13.2%)	7 (3.2%)	6 (2.7%)
<i>ii.</i> The list of institutions to be visited should be extended to cover other types of welfare institutions on a non-statutory basis.	171 (78.1%)	31 (14.2%)	10 (4.6%)	7 (3.2%)
<i>iii.</i> Non-official JPs should be allowed the choice of either an Official JP or a Non-official JP as visiting partners.	103 (47.0%)	88 (40.2%)	17 (7.8%)	11 (5.0%)
<i>iv.</i> The latest information on complaints should be provided to visiting JPs so that they could follow-up on them.	204 (93.2%)	8 (3.7%)	7 (3.2%)	0 (0.0%)
<i>v.</i> Visiting JPs should be allowed 3 days after the visit to send in their report.	151 (68.9%)	53 (24.2%)	11 (5.0%)	4 (1.8%)
<i>vi.</i> 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	198 (90.4%)	10 (4.6%)	10 (4.6%)	1 (0.5%)
(b) annual reports on JP visits should be compiled.	182 (83.1%)	25 (11.4%)	10 (4.6%)	2 (0.9%)

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(C) <u>Briefings for JPs</u> A briefing for newly-appointed JPs and a seminar for all Non-official JPs should be organised annually.	197 (90.0%)	6 (2.7%)	8 (3.7%)	8 (3.7%)
(D) <u>Additional Duties for JPs</u> The Administration should explore areas in which JPs may be invited to take a more active role.	192 (87.7%)	10 (4.6%)	10 (4.6%)	7 (3.2%)
(E) <u>JP Web-site</u> A JP Web-site should be developed.	161 (73.5%)	32 (14.6%)	19 (8.7%)	7 (3.2%)

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