

Statutory Functions of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

- (i) oversee the administration and supervision of the PCO;
- (ii) formulate operational policies and procedures to implement the provisions of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (“the Ordinance”);
- (iii) monitor and supervise compliance with the provisions of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance;
- (iv) exercise powers to approve and issue codes of practice providing practical guidance for compliance with the provisions of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance;
- (v) promote awareness and understanding of, and compliance with, the provisions of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance;
- (vi) examine any proposed legislation (including subsidiary legislation) that the Commissioner considers may affect the privacy of individuals in relation to personal data and report the results of the examination to the persons proposing the legislation;
- (vii) carry out inspections of personal data systems including those of Government departments and statutory corporations;
- (viii) investigate, upon receipt of complaints from data subjects or on his own initiative, suspected breaches of requirements of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance;
- (xi) undertake research into, and monitor developments in, the processing of data and computer technology that may have adverse effects on the privacy of individuals in relation to personal data; and
- (x) liaise and cooperate with persons performing similar data protection functions in any place outside Hong Kong in respect of matters of mutual interest concerning the privacy of individuals in relation to personal data.