

**Subcommittee to Study the Proposed
Accountability system for Principal Officials and Related Issues**

**Issues raised at the meeting on 28 May 2002
requiring the Administration's response**

Composite civil service circular

1. The Administration has agreed to consider including in the circular the working relationship between civil servants and the Director of the Chief Executive's Office.
2. To consider deleting paragraph 12 (first sentence in particular) of the proposed circular.
3. The Administration to consult civil servants' associations and provide feedback of civil servants' views on the proposed circular.

Conflict of interest and Code of Practice

4. On post-office employment of principal officials, the Administration has agreed to consider the suggestion of providing a more effective mechanism so that the committee's advice is enforceable, e.g. to empower CE to approve or disapprove whether a former principal officials may take up a particular employment.
5. To provide an express provision in the Code to prohibit principal officials from using government resources for work relating to their political parties or constituencies.
6. To provide a written response on the procedures to amend the Code, whether LegCo Panels will be consulted on proposed amendments to the Code, and whether CE's decisions under paragraph 5.6 in the Code will be recorded and made public.
7. The Administration has agreed to consider ways to disclose information provided by principal officials with regard to their political affiliation.
8. The Administration to consider ways to make the Code public.