Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

<u>List of follow-up actions</u> (Position as at 24 June 2005)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up actions required	Administration's response
Use of official languages for conducting court proceedings	23 February 2004	 (a) provide statistics on applications made by defendants for the court proceedings to be conducted in Chinese, the number of the applications rejected and the reasons for refusal; (b) advise whether there were delays in hearings due to the need to provide a bilingual judge to conduct the trial in Chinese, and the extent of such delays, if any; (c) provide statistics on hearings involving unrepresented parties and a breakdown of such hearings conducted in Chinese and English respectively; and (d) provide statistics on court judgments with translated version. 	Response awaited. A written reminder was issued on 18 January 2005.

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2.	Performance of Court Interpreters	22 March 2004	 (a) provide statistics, if available, on the feedback from judges, court clerks and full-time Court Interpreters (CIs) on the performance of part-time CIs.; and (b) explain the measures to be introduced to improve training and monitoring of the performance of CIs. 	Response awaited. A written reminder was issued on 18 January 2005.
3.	Court procedure for repossession of premises	24 May 2004	The Judiciary Administration to clarify with the Law Society in connection with a schedule provided by the Law Society which sets out the different steps and time required for obtaining repossession of premises after a judgment was given, and to inform the Panel of the clarification.	Response awaited. A written reminder was issued on 18 January 2005.
4.	Subsidiary legislation relating to consular matters	28 February 2005	The Administration to advise whether offices set up by the Central People's Government enjoy privileges and immunities similar to consular posts and personnel in Hong Kong.	Response awaited.

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5.	Budgetary arrangement for the Judiciary	25 April 2005	The Judiciary Administration to provide information on the number of Saturday sittings conducted in the Magistrates' Courts and the District Court in the past 12 months.	Reply from the Judiciary Administration was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1899/04-05(01) on 10 June 2005.
6.	Establishment of a third law school	23 May 2005	 (a) explain the principles and criteria for deciding government funding for the law schools and division of funding among them; (b) provide information on the overall estimated government funding required for the establishment of the new law school at CU, including the costs for the physical accommodation and other facilities and the staff costs; (c) provide information on the number of LLB and PCLL places (including UGC-funded and self-financed places) offered by the two existing law schools since 2000-01 and to be offered by the new law school; and 	

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		(d) advise on the levels of funding for the two existing law schools since 2000-01, and whether and how the establishment of a new law school at CU might affect the allocation of resources for the other law schools.	

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