

Panel on Education
List of follow-up actions
(position as at 9 May 2005)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
<p>1. <u>Further expansion of the Non-means Tested Loan Scheme (NLS)</u></p> <p>1.1 Risk-adjusted factor and repayment period</p>	19.6.00	The Administration was requested to review the risk-adjusted factor and the repayment period of NLS in the light of members' comments at the meeting.	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p><u>Latest position</u> The Administration is considering the possibility of outsourcing NLS to the private sector.</p>
<p>2. <u>Briefing on the Higher Education Review</u></p> <p>2.1 Institutional governance and staff grievances</p>	2.12.02 and 21.6.04	The University Grants Committee (UGC) agreed to provide an update on the development of an internal grievances and complaint mechanism in UGC-funded tertiary institutions at an appropriate time.	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p><u>Latest position</u> The institutions are at various stages of reviewing their governance and management structures, including their internal grievances and complaint mechanisms. The Administration will provide an update in due course.</p>

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<p>3. <u>Results of the 2003 Language Proficiency Assessment for teachers</u></p> <p>3.1 Options for upgrading the quality of English teachers</p>	<p>23.6.03</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to explore workable options for upgrading the quality of English teachers and provide a paper.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p><u>Latest Position</u> Teacher Education Institutions have introduced preparation courses for potential candidates for the Language Proficiency Assessment for Teachers.</p>
<p>4. <u>Consolidation of high cost and low utilization primary schools</u></p> <p>4.1 Policy and follow-up measures</p>	<p>19.4.04</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide an information paper on its long-term policy and follow-up measures to resolve the problems arising from consolidation of under-utilized primary schools and provide an estimate of the number of primary schools which would be affected by the policy in the future.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p><u>Latest Position</u> The information paper will be prepared in due course taking into account the outcome of the various reviews in progress.</p>
<p>5. <u>Reforming the academic structures</u></p>			

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<p><u>Education (IVE)</u></p> <p>6.1 Funding policy and fee increase for part-time evening programmes operated by IVE</p>	<p>13.12.04</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to review the funding policy and re-consider the appropriate level of increase for IVE's PTE programmes above the craft level.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p><u>Latest Position</u> A paper on the subject is under preparation.</p>
<p>7. <u>Briefing by the Secretary for Education and Manpower on the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2005</u></p> <p>7.1 Education for children of the ethnic minorities</p>	<p>20.1.05</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide an information paper on its policies and strategies in the provision of education to children of the ethnic minorities, in particular those from the Southeast Asian countries.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p><u>Latest Position</u> A paper on the subject is under preparation.</p>
<p>8. <u>Harmonisation of pre-primary services</u></p> <p>8.1 Financial assistance schemes to parents</p>	<p>14.3.05</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide estimates of the percentages of families/parents who would be favourably or adversely affected under the enhanced Kindergarten Fee Remission Scheme after harmonisation.</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1240/04-05(01).</p>
<p>9. <u>Financial assistance scheme for evening adult education courses</u></p>			

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9.1 Enrolment in education programmes	6.4.05	The Administration agreed to provide further information on enrolment in adult education courses.	Response awaited.
10. <u>Review of the medium of instruction for secondary schools and secondary school places allocation</u> 10.1 Extension of consultation period	6.4.05	The Administration was requested to inform the Panel of its final decision on the member's request of further extending the consultation deadline.	The Working Group on Review of Secondary School Places Allocation (SSPA) and Medium of Instruction for Secondary Schools (WG) has recommended and the Education Commission (EC) has endorsed an extension of the consultation period by two months to 2 July 2005. A press release was issued on 20 April 2005.