

Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs

Report Submitted by the Independent Panel of Inquiry on Incidents Relating to the Equal Opportunities Commission

Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to inform Members that the Independent Panel of Inquiry on the incidents relating to the Equal Opportunities Commission (the Panel) has completed and submitted its report on 2 February 2005.

Background

2. The Legislative Council (LegCo) had requested the Administration to investigate the incidents relating to the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC). The Administration decided on 19 February 2004 that the Secretary for Home Affairs should appoint a Panel to look into the incidents relating to the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) with the following terms of reference –

- (a) to inquire into the appointment and termination of employment of Mr Patrick Yu as Director (Operations) of the EOC and issues related thereto; and
- (b) to inquire into the incidents which have affected the credibility of the EOC and to make recommendations on measures to restore such credibility.

3. At the time, the LegCo was also informed that the Panel would submit its report within nine months from the date of its appointment and that the report would be made public.

4. Accordingly, the Secretary for Home Affairs appointed the Panel on 15 May 2004. The Panel comprises Prof TAM Sheung-wai, GBS, JP as the Chairman and Mr WU Ting-yuk, Anthony and Mrs LAI IP Po-ping, Fanny as members.

The Report

5. The Panel has completed and submitted the report on 2 February 2005. We are currently studying the report and its recommendations.

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