Panel on Security

List of follow-up actions (position as at 11 April 2005)

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1.	Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals	4 April 2003 (Joint meeting with the Panel on Manpower)	The Administration agreed to provide members with progress reports on the Scheme on a regular basis.	Progress report on the Scheme for the period from 1 April 2004 to 31 October 2004 was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)382/04-05 on 10 December 2004.
2.	Progress of review of the Interception of Communications Ordinance (IOCO)	2 April 2004	The Administration was requested to - (a) provide members with a list of problems associated with IOCO, advise members of the latest development of its work in addressing the problems, inform members of the options being considered and the Administration's inclination on the way forward regarding interception of communications; and	Response awaited.

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	10 June 2004	 (b) provide a paper on - (i) the scope of the Chief Executive's discretion under Article 64 of the Basic Law and section 1(2) of IOCO in deciding whether and when IOCO should come into operation; and (ii) the criteria for determining whether and when IOCO should come into operation. The Administration was requested - (a) to advise the year from which requests for interception of communications had to be approved by the Chief Executive on a case-by-case basis; and (b) to confirm whether internal guidelines had been issued to the law enforcement agencies on the requirement referred to in paragraph (a) above. 	Response awaited. - Ditto -

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3.	Policy on integrity checking for disciplined forces	13 May 2004	The Administration was requested to -(a) advise whether integrity checking on disciplined forces between 2001 and 2003 had resulted in disciplinary actions such as interdiction from duty or termination of employment;Response awaited.(b) provide a comparison between the integrity checking on civil
			 (c) advise on the government department, besides the Fire Services Department and the Hong Kong Police Force, where the promotion of an officer was denied as a result of information revealed from integrity checking in the past three years;

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		 (d) provide a paper explaining - (i) the types of integrity checks applicable to civil servants and other public officers, such as principal officials and the chairmen and members of advisory bodies; 	Response awaited.
		 (ii) the types of integrity checks conducted at different stages, such as those conducted on appointment or promotion; 	
		(iii) the persons responsible for conducting integrity checks and how integrity checks were conducted; and	
		(iv) measures to ensure that integrity checks were conducted independently.	- Ditto -
		 (e) provide the Police's new internal guideline on the declaration by a Police officer on his spouse's or dependent's interest in the entertainment business; and 	

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			 (f) advise whether disciplined forces other than the Police had laid down reporting requirements on the interest of an officer's spouse or dependent in the entertainment business. 	Response awaited.
4.	Progress of implementation of proposals of the Interdepartmental Working Group on the Law Reform Commission Report on Arrest	6 July 2004	The Police was requested to consider amending the caution statement "唔係 事必要你講,除非你自己想講,但你 所講的,可能用筆紀錄及用作證供。" along the lines of "你有權保持緘 默。保持緘默不會對你構成不利。如 你自願作供,供詞將予紀錄,且或會 成為呈堂證供。" and revert to the Panel.	Response awaited.
5.	Powers of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) to search for and seize journalistic material	29 November 2004	 (a) The Department of Justice (D of J) was requested to provide a response on – (i) the basis on which D of J, upon request from the court, referred the investigation of the press coverage of <i>habeas corpus</i> proceedings relating to a witness to ICAC; 	Response awaited.

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		(ii) why D of J did not refer the matter to an independent committee; and	
		(iii) whether there was any conflict of interest with ICAC carrying out the investigation work.	
		 (b) ICAC was requested to consider providing the following after all legal proceedings in respect of a case involving the press coverage of <i>habeas corpus</i> proceedings relating to a witness was completed – 	Response awaited.
		 (i) information which were relevant to the case but not provided to the court, if prosecution was instituted in respect of the case; and 	
		(ii) all information relevant to the case, if prosecution was not to be instituted in respect of the case.	

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6.	Measures to combat illegal employment	7 December 2004	 The Administration was requested – (a) to provide information on the number of cases where employers were sentenced to less than 15 months' imprisonment for employing illegal immigrants; and 	Response awaited.
			 (b) to consider providing, on a confidential basis, information on the provinces and cities where illegal workers came from. 	- Ditto -
7.	Proposal to amend the Aviation Security Ordinance	7 December 2004	The Administration was requested to provide overseas precedents relating to the acts referred to in paragraph 10(a) and (b) of the Administration's paper entitled "Proposal to amend the Aviation Security Ordinance (Cap. 494)" (LC Paper No. CB(2)305/ 04-05(04)).	Response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)968/04-05 on 28 February 2005.

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8.	Issues relating to right of abode in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region under Article 24(2)(3) of the Basic Law	19 January 2005	The Administration was requested to provide a paper explaining, from a legal point of view, the relationship between immigration policy and the discretion of the Director of Immigration under the Immigration Ordinance to allow a person to stay in Hong Kong.	Response awaited.
	Provision of meals for inmates of different races/nationalities in penal institutions	19 January 2005	The Administration was requested to provide a paper on the differences in the meals provided for inmates of different races/nationalities in penal institutions.	Response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1067/04-05 on 14 March 2005.
	Declaration of interests by members of the Executive Council and principal officials	19 January 2005	 The Independent Commission Against Corruption was requested to provide its views on – (a) whether blind trusts for principal officials were preferred to family trusts as a measure for preventing any possible conflict of interest; 	Response awaited.
			(b) whether declaration of interests by members of the Executive Council should be made public after a certain period of time.	- Ditto -

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11. Crime situation in 2004	24 January 2005	 The Police was requested to provide – (a) a breakdown of the family violence cases in terms of the relationship between the victim and offender; (b) information on pickpocketing cases where the victims were tourists; (c) information on the conviction rate of crime cases; 	Response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1125/04-05 on 18 March 2005. - Ditto -
		 (d) information on the percentage of admission statements rejected by the court in the past three years (e) statistics on Hong Kong residents found of abusing drugs in the Mainland; 	- Ditto - - Ditto -

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		 (f) information on the number of Hong Kong residents who had committed crime in Hong Kong and escaped to the Mainland, the number of such persons who were subsequently arrested in Mainland and sent back to Hong Kong, as well as the number of Mainland persons who had committed crime in Hong Kong and escaped to the Mainland; and
		(g) statistics on sea safety Ditto -
 Immigration policy and procedures in respect of applications for visit visas/entry permits 	1 February 2005	 (a) The Administration was requested to consider providing the procedures manual of the Immigration Department relating to the vetting of visit visas/entry permit applications from Taiwan residents; and Response awaited.
		 (b) The Administration was - Ditto - requested to provide statistics relating to visits to Hong Kong by ministerial level Taiwan officials after reunification.

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13. Issues relating to allegation of Mainland public security officials taking enforcement actions in Hong Kong	1 March 2005	 The Administration was requested to provide – (a) the copies of its letters to Guangdong Provincial Public Security Department in a case where Mainland public security officials were alleged to have taken enforcement actions in Hong Kong on 16 June 2004; and (b) a written response regarding why the coverage of the agreed mechanism on police co-operation would not be extended to include state security officials. 	Response awaited. - Ditto -

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