

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

List of follow-up actions
(Position as at 22 March 2006)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up actions required	Administration's response
1. Use of official languages for conducting court proceedings	23 February 2004	The Judiciary Administration to - (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 and 21 September 2005.
2. Performance of Court Interpreters	22 March 2004	The Judiciary Administration to - (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	Response awaited. A written reminder was issued on 18 January 2005 and 21 September 2005.

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		(b) explain the measures to be introduced to improve training and monitoring of the performance of CIs.	
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 and 21 September 2005.
4. Legal aid for victims in family violence cases	15 December 2005	The Legal Aid Department (LAD) to provide information on the number of applications from victims in family violence cases for legal aid for the purpose of making an application to the court for the grant of an injunction order, the number of applications approved, and the policy and position of LAD on the provision of legal aid to victims in such cases.	The interim reply from LAD was issued on 4 January 2006 vide LC Paper No. CB(2)800/05-06. Detailed response awaited.
5. 2005 annual review of financial eligibility limits of legal aid applicants	23 January 2006	Director of Administration to consider adopting the approach that was most advantageous to the public for calculating the adjustments to the eligibility limits of legal aid applicants and revert to the Panel on its decision.	Response from the Administration issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1471/05-06(01) on 20 March 2006.
6. The case of Mr Michael WONG Kin-chow	3 February 2006	(a) The Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) to advise, in the light of Mr Michael WONG Kin-chow's case, whether it will consider making any recommendations for follow up by the Administration, and if so, details of the recommendation; and	Response from ICAC issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1245/05-06(02) on 27 February 2006.

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		(b) The Judiciary Administration to advise whether the Judiciary will take any follow up actions in relation to Mr WONG's case; and (c) The Civil Service Bureau (CSB) to provide a paper on the existing system of reimbursement of payment by the government to civil servants including judicial officers and on whether any improvements to the system will be considered in the light of Mr WONG's case.	Response awaited. Response from CSB issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1245/05-06(01) on 27 February 2006.
7. Issues relating to the imposition of criminal liabilities on the Government	27 February 2006	The Administration to provide information on the measures taken in respect of the 156 cases of contravention of environment-related legislation reported to the Chief Secretary for Administration between 1999 and March 2003 in a tabular format in a paper for members' reference.	Response awaited.