

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

List of follow-up actions
(Position as at 22 June 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. Written reminders were issued on 18 January and 21 September 2005 and 9 May 2006.
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. Written reminders were issued on 18 January and 21 September 2005 and 9 May 2006.

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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. Written reminders were issued on 18 January and 21 September 2005 and 9 May 2006.
4. The case of Mr Michael WONG Kin-chow	3 February 2006	<p>(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</p> <p>(b) The Judiciary Administration to advise whether the Judiciary will take any follow up actions in relation to Mr WONG's case; and</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p>Response from ICAC issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1245/05-06(02) on 27 February 2006.</p> <p>Response awaited. A written reminder was issued on 9 May 2006.</p> <p>Response from CSB issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1245/05-06(01) on 27 February 2006.</p>
5. Work of the Law	24 April 2006	DOJ to –	

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Drafting Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ)		<p>(a) review its whole recruitment policy of legislative draftsmen by relaxing the Chinese language proficiency requirement for appointment.</p> <p>(b) provide information on the years of experience of legislative draftsmen in the Law Drafting Division in the past 10 years; and</p> <p>(c) advise in writing when the Chinese language proficiency was imposed as an entry requirement on the GC grade.</p>	<p>Interim reply from DOJ issued to members vide LC Paper No. 1937/05-06(02) on 8 May 2006. DOJ will revert to the Panel on the outcome of the review in due course.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>
6. Issues relating to the imposition of criminal liabilities on the Government	22 May 2006	The Administration to clarify why the information on the measures taken in respect of the 156 cases of contravention of environment-related legislation reported to the Chief Secretary for Administration (LC Paper No. CB(2)1951/05-06(01)) had been classified as confidential.	Reply from the Administration issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2460/05-06 on 19 June 2006. The Administration advised that having consulted the departments handling the subject, the information on the 156 cases may be treated as unclassified.
7. Pilot Scheme on mediation of legally aided matrimonial cases	22 May 2006	<p>The Administration to –</p> <p>(a) analyse the 194 cases referred to the Judiciary's Mediation Coordinator's Office (MCO) under LAD's Pilot Scheme and provide information on the stages at which the legally aided persons had decided to opt for mediation; and</p> <p>(b) analyse the data on the relevant schemes of the Administration and the Judiciary, and provide the findings for members' reference.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>

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8. Maximum sentence for offence of perverting the course of justice	22 May 2006	DOJ to provide the following additional information – (a) the maximum years of imprisonment for the offence of perverting the course of public justice and the sentences imposed by the courts in other common law jurisdictions; and (b) the relevant case law in respect of (a) above.	Response awaited.

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