

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

List of follow-up actions
(Position as at 10 October 2005)

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. Budgetary arrangement for the Judiciary	12 July 2005	<p>The Judiciary Administration to –</p> <p>(a) explain the factors which the Judiciary had considered in deciding to withdraw the planned closure of the Tsuen Wan Magistrates' Court; and</p> <p>(b) provide information on the number (and percentage) of cases which had been listed for trial on a particular date but subsequently adjourned because the court had no time to deal with the case on the trial date.</p>	Response awaited. A written reminder was issued on 21 September 2005.

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5. Chambers hearings in civil proceedings	12 July 2005	<p>The Judiciary Administration to –</p> <p>(a) respond to the suggestions made by Ms Anne SCULLY-HILL, Assistant Professor at the City University of Hong Kong, relating to limited reporting by a special class of law reporters on specific closed chambers hearings and access to case files to facilitate legal research; and</p> <p>(b) explain the impact, if any, of Practice Directions 25.1 and 25.2 on reporting on applications for writ of habeas corpus.</p>	Response awaited. A written reminder was issued on 21 September 2005.
6. Review of sexual offences in Part XII of the Crimes Ordinance	12 July 2005	The Department of Justice to provide written response to the queries raised by Assistant Legal Adviser 1 in relation to certain sexual offence provisions in the Crimes Ordinance (paragraph 40 of the minutes of meeting refers).	Response received and issued to the Panel vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2708/04-05(01) on 10 October 2005.