

Panel on Manpower**List of follow-up actions**

(position as at 13 January 2006)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Progress of the implementation of the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) System	18.1.01	The Administration was requested to provide monthly progress reports on the implementation of the MPF System.	The progress report as at the end of November 2005 was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)646/05-06 on 8 December 2005.
2. Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals	4.4.03 (Joint meeting with the Panel on Security)	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 to 31 October 2005 circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)563/05-06 on 1 December 2005.
3. Work Trial Scheme to be launched by the Labour Department	26.4.05	The Administration agreed to review the Work Trial Scheme six months after its implementation and revert to the Panel.	Response awaited.

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4. Prevention of abuse of the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund (PWIF)	26.4.05	The Administration undertook to study the proposals in the submission from the Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions, refer the matter to the Labour Advisory Board for further discussion and revert to the Panel.	Issues discussed at the Panel meeting on 15 December 2005.
	15.12.05	The Administration was requested – (a) to consider providing a paper setting out its legal view on the issue of requiring all restaurant proprietors to provide bank guarantees for the statutory entitlements of employees; and (b) to provide information on the outcome of suspected fraudulent cases involving PWIF where prosecution had been instituted.	Response awaited. - Ditto -

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5. Hong Kong's Occupational Safety Performance in 2004 and the first half of 2005	16.6.05	The Administration was requested to report the progress of the Tripartite Committee's discussion regarding some construction companies adopting administrative measures to discourage contractors from reporting cases of occupational injuries.	Response awaited.
	15.12.05	The Administration was requested to provide the results of its analysis of the occupational diseases dealt with by the Occupational Health Clinic of the Labour Department.	- Ditto -
6. Minimum wage and mandatory requirement on wage rates for non-skilled workers engaged in services contracted out by the Government	20.10.05	The Administration was requested to provide a written response on – (a) the trades to be required to follow the level of average monthly wages for the relevant industry or occupation in the Quarterly Report of Wage and Payroll Statistics published by the Census and Statistics Department; and (b) whether minimum wage would be set at a level higher than the level of Comprehensive Social Security Allowance.	Response awaited. - Ditto -

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7. Implications of the World Trade Organization Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA) on local employment	17.11.05	The Administration was requested to provide – (a) information on the respective GPA thresholds adopted by the GPA parties and additional conditions imposed on the goods procured; (b) information on the services sectors covered by GPA and the reasons for not including printing services; (c) a written response on whether the Administration had tried its best to secure terms that were in the best interests of Hong Kong when joining GPA in 1997; (d) statistics to substantiate the Administration's claim that joining GPA provided local companies with more business opportunities which, in turn, encouraged investments and created jobs;	Response awaited. - Ditto - - Ditto - - Ditto -

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		(e) information on those Hong Kong businesses that could not enter overseas markets previously but had managed to do so after Hong Kong joined GPA; and (f) information on the improvement in market access opportunity for Hong Kong businesses after joining GPA.	Response awaited. - Ditto -

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