

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

List of follow-up actions
(Position as at 17 January 2007)

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.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)878/06-07(01) on 16 January 2007.
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	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)878/06-07(01) on 16 January 2007.

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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.	The Administration's reply to the Law Society of Hong Kong was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)877/06-07(01) on 16 January 2007.
4. Reciprocal enforcement of judgments in commercial matters between the HKSAR and the Mainland	27 November 2006	<p>The Department of Justice (DoJ) to -</p> <p>(a) provide a copy of the Arrangement on Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters by the Courts of the Mainland and of the HKSAR Pursuant to Choice of Court Agreements between Parties Concerned (the Arrangement) signed on 14 July 2006 before the introduction of the Mainland Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Bill (the Bill);</p> <p>(b) provide a copy of the judicial interpretation on details of the procedures for implementing the Arrangement to be promulgated by the Supreme People's Court;</p> <p>(c) provide information on the existing problems encountered in enforcement of the Mainland judgments in the HKSAR, the methods employed for and the success rate of</p>	Response awaited.

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		enforcement of such judgments; (d) organise meetings for the legal and judicial sectors in Hong Kong and the Mainland to discuss issues such as how to implement reciprocal enforcement of judgments and how to prevent "forum shopping"; and (e) assess the impact of the Bill on litigation in Hong Kong.	
5. Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2007	27 November 2007	DoJ to clarify the power of the magistrate to award costs in respect of proceedings under section 3A of the Fixed Penalty (Criminal Proceedings) Ordinance (Cap. 240).	Response awaited.