

**Public Service Panel's Request for Update on Progress of
the Study of the System for
the Determination of Judicial Remuneration**

Administration Wing's Response

In April 2003, the Chief Justice submitted to the Chief Executive the Consultancy Report by Sir Anthony Mason (the Mason Report) and proposed that the recommendations contained in it be adopted as the appropriate system for the determination of judicial remuneration in Hong Kong.

2. Having considered the Judiciary's proposal, and in full recognition of the independent status of the Judiciary, the Chief Executive appointed the Standing Committee on Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service (the Judicial Committee) to examine the Mason Report and to make recommendations to him on an appropriate institutional structure, mechanism and methodology for the determination of judicial remuneration in Hong Kong. The Judicial Committee submitted its report (the Judicial Committee's Report) to the Chief Executive in November 2005.

3. Given that the recommendations of both the Mason Report and the Judicial Committee's Report would have very far-reaching implications for the judicial remuneration system in Hong Kong, the Administration needs some more time to consider the matter.

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