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Applicability of Ordinances to the offices set up by the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

PURPOSE

This paper provides background information and summarises the past discussions of Members of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on various issues relating to the applicability of Ordinances to the offices set up by the Central People's Government (CPG) in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) (CPG offices).

INTRODUCTION

CPG offices in the HKSAR

2. Article 22(2) and 22(3) of the Basic Law provides that -

"If there is a need for departments of the Central Government, or for provinces, autonomous regions, or municipalities directly under the Central Government to set up offices in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, they must obtain the consent of the government of the Region and the approval of the Central People's Government.

All offices set up in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region by departments of the Central Government or by provinces, autonomous regions, or municipalities directly under the Central Government, and the personnel of these offices shall abide by the laws of the Region."

3. According to the Administration, as at January 2007, there were three CPG offices in the HKSAR -

- (a) Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the HKSAR (OCMFA);

- (b) Hong Kong Garrison of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (the Hong Kong Garrison); and
- (c) Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR (the Liaison Office).

4. The OCMA was set up according to Article 13 of the Basic Law. The Hong Kong Garrison was stationed in the HKSAR by the CPG according to Article 14 of the Basic Law. The Liaison Office was formerly known as the "Xinhua News Agency (Hong Kong Branch)". The change of the office title took place in 2000 to reflect properly the responsibilities authorised by the CPG for the office to undertake in Hong Kong. A gazette notice was published on 21 January 2000 to list the setting up of the three offices in the HKSAR by the CPG.

Adaptation of "Crown" to "State"

5. Section 66 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1) which, as at 30 June 1997, provided that - "No Ordinance shall in any manner whatsoever affect the right of or be binding on the Crown unless it is therein expressly provided or unless it appears by necessary implication that the Crown is bound thereby".

6. By way of the Adaptation of Laws (Interpretative Provisions) Bill which was passed by the Provisional Legislative Council on 7 April 1998, the reference to "Crown" in section 66 of Cap.1 was adapted to "State". The definition of "State" is in **Appendix I**.

7. The Administration has advised that one effect of the definition of "State" is that an ordinance which expressly binds the Government does not thereby bind the other categories under the definition. To bind a CPG office in the HKSAR, an ordinance should be amended to include a provision to that effect.

APPLICABILITY OF ORDINANCES TO CPG OFFICES IN THE HKSAR

Background

8. In the course of scrutinising the Adaptation of Laws (Interpretative Provisions) Bill in 1997, Members expressed concern as to why certain ordinances were binding on the HKSAR Government but not on the CPG offices. The Secretary for Justice then undertook to conduct a review of the 17 relevant Ordinances that expressly bound the Government, but were otherwise silent on their applicability to CPG offices.

9. The Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services (the Panel) followed up the subject of applicability of Ordinances to CPG offices in the HKSAR at a number of meetings between 1998 and 2001. The Panel expressed dissatisfaction at

the work progress of the Administration and made a report to the House Committee on 18 May 2001. The Chairman of the House Committee raised the matter with the Chief Secretary for Administration, and the House Committee discussed the relevant issues at a number of its meetings.

10. The subject was last discussed by the Panel at its meeting on 26 June 2001, and has remained on the outstanding list of items for discussion of the Panel since then. In response to the repeated requests of the Panel for an update in the past few years, the Administration responded that the relevant policy bureaux and departments would introduce the legislative amendments in due course, having regard to competing legislative priorities. The Administration undertook to provide a report in due course.

11. The main issues discussed by Members are summarized in paragraphs 12 to 26 below.

Section 66 of Cap. 1

12. Some members of the Panel were of the view that as Hong Kong was no longer a British colony but a SAR of the People's Republic of China, it was a fundamental mistake to continue to apply the statutory presumption of exclusion of the Crown to HKSAR laws by adapting the reference to "Crown" to "State" in section 66 of Cap. 1. Allowing the CPG offices not to be bound by Hong Kong legislation clearly infringed the letter and spirit of Article 22 of the Basic Law.

13. The Administration explained that the fundamental principle that everyone was subject to the law did not mean that it was necessary or appropriate for every ordinance to bind every person or body. Although Article 22 of the Basic Law made it clear that the stated offices and personnel must abide by the laws of the HKSAR, it did not provide any guidance as to whether or not any particular ordinance should be binding on them. In reality, a large number of laws did not have any relevance to the activities of the "State" and hence it was generally inappropriate for them to bind the "State". The legal presumption of exclusion of the "State" in relation to application of legislation was in accordance with common law principles applicable to other common law jurisdictions. The Administration held the view that section 66 of Cap. 1 was not inconsistent with the Basic Law.

Review of the 17 Ordinances which expressly apply to the Government

Results of the review

14. The Administration conducted a review of the 17 relevant Ordinances that expressly bound the Government, but were otherwise silent on their applicability to CPG offices. A list of the 17 Ordinances is in **Appendix II**.

15. On 20 October 1998, the Administration informed the Panel that the preliminary results of the review were that, as a matter of policy, 15 of the 17 Ordinances should apply to the CPG offices. The Administration would work out the necessary legislative amendments to the 15 Ordinances. The two not included in this announcement were –

- (a) Social Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 505) - the Ordinance was found to be of no relevance to either the Government or CPG offices in the HKSAR; and
- (b) Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486) - the Ordinance involved complicated issues and needed to be carefully examined before the Administration could make any recommendation.

Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance

16. The Administration explained to the Panel that the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance was complicated in that the six data protection principles and the key provisions were phrased in broad terms and the statutory protection of privacy in relation to person data is relatively new in Hong Kong. The Administration considered it necessary to discuss with the CPG to assess whether, and if so, how the operation of a particular CPG office would be affected by the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance. It would report progress to the Panel.

17. The Panel had closely monitored the progress of the review on the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance since late 1998. Members expressed concern about the extraordinarily protracted "consultation" with CPG. Some members pointed out that whether an ordinance should or should not bind the CPG offices was not a matter for the consent of the CPG. Given that Article 22 of the Basic Law requires that the CPG offices set up in HKSAR and their personnel be bound by the laws of HKSAR, the decision as to whether an ordinance should bind the CPG offices should be a matter of principle, regardless of its complexity.

18. At the meeting on 15 May 2001, the Administration reiterated that more time was required for the review of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance because of its complexities and that the Administration was still awaiting information from the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office on the result of their consultation with the relevant authorities.

The remaining 15 Ordinances

19. The Arbitration Ordinance (Cap. 341) was one of the 15 Ordinances which had been identified as in need of amendment to make them binding on the CPG offices in the HKSAR. Section 47 of the Ordinance provides that the Ordinance (other than Parts III and IV) binds the Government, but is silent on its applicability to the CPG offices.

20. Under clause 9 of the Arbitration (Amendment) Bill 1999 (the Bill), section 47 was proposed to be repealed and substituted by a new section : "This Ordinance applies to and in relation to any arbitration agreement, irrespective of whether a party to the agreement is an individual, public body, public authority, private body, organ or any other class of person."

21. The Bill was introduced into LegCo and considered by a Bills Committee. Some members of the Bills Committee pointed out that under the principle of presumption of exclusion of section 66 of Cap. 1, the "State" including the HKSAR Government was not bound by statute save by express provisions. As clause 9 did not expressly provide that the Government and the CPG offices were bound, it was doubtful whether the new formulation could reflect the policy intent. In order not to delay the enactment of the Bill, the Bills Committee and the Administration agreed that the amendment of section 47 would be left to a separate exercise. The Administration moved a Committee Stage amendment to replace clause 9 of the Bill with a formulation that retained the existing scope of application of the Ordinance, i.e. the Ordinance applies to the Government. The Administration undertook to come up with an appropriate formula to extend the applicability of the Ordinance to CPG offices. The Bill was enacted in January 2000.

22. The Administration advised the Panel at the meeting on 26 June 2001 that it was working on an appropriate formula to extend the applicability of the Arbitration Ordinance to the CPG offices in the HKSAR. When such a formula was available, it could be applied to the remaining 14 Ordinances, subject to the modifications that might be required in the context of that particular exercise. The CPG was consulted on the application provision for the Arbitration Ordinance in May and September 2000.

Review of the remaining Ordinances

23. In response to the Panel's view that the review should not be confined to the 17 Ordinances in Appendix II, the Administration advised in October 1998 that the 600-odd Ordinances on statute books could be classified on the basis of whether they contained express provisions binding on or applicable to the "Government" or the "Crown/State". Apart from the 17 Ordinances in Appendix II, the remaining Ordinances could be classified into three categories and the position is as follows -

- (a) 53 Ordinances that were expressed to bind, or apply to, the "Crown"
 - (i) 18 Ordinances had been wholly or partly adapted (**Appendix III**).
 - (ii) 35 Ordinances (including the Crown Proceedings Ordinance (Cap. 300)) had yet to be adapted and were to be construed in accordance with the Hong Kong Reunification Ordinance (Cap.

2601) the relevant provisions of which had been incorporated into the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1) (**Appendix IV**).

In accordance with the relevant provisions in the Hong Kong Reunification Ordinance, the word "Crown" was to be construed as the "Government of the HKSAR", or "the CPG or other competent authorities of the People's Republic of China" which included the CPG offices. Although these Ordinances or provisions had yet to be adapted, the legal effect of these Ordinances or provisions had not been compromised.

- (b) 36 Ordinances that were applicable to Government in whole or in part (but were silent on their applicability to CPG offices) (**Appendix V**)

When these Ordinances were drafted and enacted, they were intended to apply to the Hong Kong Government but not other aspects of the "Crown". The resumption of the exercise of sovereignty had not affected the scope of application of the Ordinances and did not provide a strong reason for changing the scope of their application. The Administration would review any Ordinance in respect of its applicability when the need to do so had been identified.

- (c) Ordinances which might be applicable to the Government or CPG offices by necessary implication

It would be extremely time-consuming and a legally difficult task to consider all sections in hundreds of Ordinances in order to form a view as to whether the "beneficial purpose of the legislation would be wholly frustrated" if the Ordinances were not applicable to the HKSAR Government or CPG offices. The Administration would review any Ordinance in respect of its applicability when the need to do so had been identified.

Consideration by the House Committee

24. After receiving the updated report from the Administration on the various issues relating to the applicability of Ordinances to the CPG offices at the meeting on 15 May 2001, the Panel expressed dissatisfaction with the work progress and made a report to the House Committee. The Chairman of the House Committee raised the following matters with the Chief Secretary for Administration -

- (a) the Administration should expedite the progress of the review of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (paragraphs 16 to 18 above and Appendix II refer);

- (b) the Administration should work out an agreed formulation to extend the applicability of the 15 Ordinances that expressly applied to the Government to the CPG offices in the HKSAR (paragraphs 19 to 22 above and Appendix II refer); and
- (c) the Administration should proceed expeditiously with the adaptation exercise of the remaining 35 Ordinances that were expressed to bind, or apply to, the "Crown" (paragraphs 23(a)(ii) above and Appendix IV refer).

25. At the meeting on 8 June 2001, the House Committee discussed Hon Emily LAU's proposal for the Chairman of the House Committee to move a motion on the matter for debate in Council. The wording of the proposed motion was as follows -

"That, in view of the Administration's failure to take effective action to amend the 15 relevant Ordinances which bind the Government so that they also bind the offices of the CPG in the HKSAR and to complete the review of the applicability of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance to the CPG offices in the HKSAR, resulting in these offices not being required to abide by these Ordinances, and as the Administration has delayed the adaptation of the 35 relevant Ordinances which are expressed to bind, or apply to, the "Crown", this Council expresses serious concern and urges the Administration to explain the reasons for the slow progress of the work and to expedite amendment and adaptation of the relevant Ordinances."

26. Members who supported the motion considered that its passage would send a clear message to the HKSAR Government and the CPG that they should expedite action on the matter. Members who did not support the motion considered that consultation with the CPG on the proposed legislative amendments was necessary and would take time. They also had reservations about the Chairman of the House Committee moving the motion for debate. The motion was put to vote and negatived.

RELATED ISSUES

Adaptation of references to "Her Majesty's Forces" and other military references

27. In the course of the discussion, the Panel enquired about the progress of adaptations of references to "Her Majesty's Forces" and other military references.

28. The Administration advised in June 2001 that it was still working on the adaptations involving the Hong Kong Garrison which covered about 90 Ordinances and subsidiary legislation. There were over 200 references to "Her Majesty's Forces" and other military references. In accordance with Article 10 of the Garrison Law, the Administration was required to consult the Hong Kong Garrison when formulating

any policy or drafting any legislative proposals which concerned them. As the exercise involved a number of Government bureaux and departments and the consultation with the Hong Kong Garrison, it required more time before the proposed adaptations could be introduced into the LegCo.

LATEST DEVELOPMENT

29. The Panel has requested the Administration to provide a progress report on the matters set out in paragraph 24(a) to (c) above at the meeting on 19 March 2008.

RELEVANT PAPERS

30. A list of relevant papers available on the LegCo website (<http://www.legco.gov.hk>) is in **Appendix VI**.

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The definition of ‘State’ in Cap. 1

“‘State’ includes only -

- (a) the President of the People’s Republic of China;
- (b) the Central People’s Government;
- (c) the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region;
- (d) the Central Authorities of the People’s Republic of China that exercise functions for which the Central People’s Government has responsibility under the Basic Law;
- (e) subordinate organs of the Central People’s Government that -
 - (i) on its behalf, exercise executive functions of the Central People’s Government or functions for which the Central People’s Government has responsibility under the Basic Law; and
 - (ii) do not exercise commercial functions,when acting within the scope of the delegated authority and the delegated functions of the subordinate organ concerned; and
- (f) subordinate organs of the Central Authorities of the People’s Republic of China referred to in paragraph (d), that -
 - (i) on behalf of those Central Authorities, exercise executive functions of the Central People’s Government or functions for which the Central People’s Government has responsibility under the Basic Law; and
 - (ii) do not exercise commercial functions,when acting within the scope of the delegated authority and the delegated functions of the subordinate organ concerned;”

Appendix II

17 Ordinances that expressly bind the Government (but are silent on the binding effect on the CPG Offices)

	Cap.
1. Gas Safety Ordinance	Cap. 51
2. Arbitration Ordinance	Cap. 341
3. Ozone Layer Protection Ordinance	Cap. 403
4. The Legislative Council Commission Ordinance	Cap. 443
5. Dumping at Sea Ordinance	Cap. 466
6. Marine Parks Ordinance	Cap. 476
7. Sex Discrimination Ordinance	Cap. 480
8. Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance	Cap. 485
9. Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance	Cap. 486
10. Disability Discrimination Ordinance	Cap. 487
11. Plant Varieties Protection Ordinance	Cap. 490
12. Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance	Cap. 499
13. Social Workers Registration Ordinance	Cap. 505
14. Occupational Safety & Health Ordinance	Cap. 509
15. Patents Ordinance	Cap. 514
16. Registered Designs Ordinance	Cap. 522
17. Family Status Discrimination Ordinance	Cap. 527

18 Ordinances that are expressed to bind, or apply, to the "Crown"

	Cap.
1. Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance	Cap. 1
2. High Court Ordinance	Cap. 4
3. Government Rights (Re-entry and Vesting Remedies) Ordinance	Cap. 126
4. Foreshore and sea-bed (Reclamations) Ordinance	Cap. 127
5. Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance	Cap. 132
6. Country Parks Ordinance	Cap. 208
7. Mass Transit Railway (Land Resumption and Related Provisions) Ordinance	Cap. 276
8. Mining Ordinance	Cap. 285
9. Dangerous Goods Ordinance	Cap. 295
10. Air Pollution Control Ordinance	Cap. 311
11. Civil Aviation (Aircraft Noise) Ordinance	Cap. 312
12. District Court Ordinance	Cap. 336
13. Customs and Excise Service Ordinance	Cap. 342
14. Limitation Ordinance	Cap. 347
15. Trade Descriptions Ordinance	Cap. 362
16. Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance	Cap. 413
17. Merchant Shipping (Registration) Ordinance	Cap. 415
18. Land Drainage Ordinance	Cap. 446

Appendix IV

35 Ordinances that are expressed to bind, or apply, to the "Crown"

	Cap.
1. Bankruptcy Ordinance	Cap. 6
2. Law Amendment and Reform (Consolidation) Ordinance	Cap. 23
3. Recognition of Trusts Ordinance	Cap. 76
4. Matrimonial Causes Ordinance	Cap. 179
5. Traffic Accident Victims (Assistance Fund) Ordinance	Cap. 229
6. Fixed Penalty (Traffic Contraventions) Ordinance	Cap. 237
7. Enforcement of Rights (Extension of Time) Ordinance	Cap. 252
8. Perpetuities and Accumulations Ordinance	Cap. 257
9. Peak Tramway Ordinance	Cap. 265
10. Massage Establishments Ordinance	Cap. 266
11. Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Ordinance	Cap. 272
12. Education Ordinance	Cap. 279
13. Merchant Shipping Ordinance	Cap. 281
14. Employees' Compensation Ordinance	Cap. 282
15. Misrepresentation Ordinance	Cap. 284
16. Hong Kong Airport (Regulations) Ordinance	Cap. 292
17. Crown Proceedings Ordinance	Cap. 300
18. Shipping and Port Control Ordinance	Cap. 313
19. Occupiers Liability Ordinance	Cap. 314

20. Industrial Training (Construction Industry) Ordinance	Cap. 317
21. Lifts and Escalators (Safety) Ordinance	Cap. 327
22. Small Claims Tribunal Ordinance	Cap. 338
23. Waste Disposal Ordinance	Cap. 354
24. Water Pollution Control Ordinance	Cap. 358
25. Pneumoconiosis (Compensation) Ordinance	Cap. 360
26. Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance	Cap. 370
27. Road Traffic Ordinance	Cap. 374
28. Civil Liability (Contribution) Ordinance	Cap. 377
29. Hong Kong Bill of Rights Ordinance	Cap. 383
30. Noise Control Ordinance	Cap. 400
31. Occupational Retirement Schemes Ordinance	Cap. 426
32. Parent and Child Ordinance	Cap. 429
33. Merchant Shipping (Limitation of Shipowners Liability) Ordinance	Cap. 434
34. Occupational Deafness (Compensation) Ordinance	Cap. 469
35. Carriage by Air Ordinance	Cap. 500

Appendix V

36 Ordinances that are applicable to Government in whole or in part (but are silent on their applicability to the CPG Offices)

	Cap.
1. Land Tribunal Ordinance	Cap. 17
2. Surviving Spouses' and Children's Pensions Ordinance	Cap. 79
3. Pensions Ordinance	Cap. 89
4. Pensions Benefits Ordinance	Cap. 99
5. Immigration Ordinance	Cap. 115
6. Stamp Duty Ordinance	Cap. 117
7. Government Rights (Re-entry and Vesting Remedies) Ordinance	Cap. 126
8. Foreshore and Sea-bed (Reclamations) Ordinance	Cap. 127
9. Eastern Harbour Crossing Ordinance	Cap. 215
10. Public Bus Services Ordinance	Cap. 230
11. Loans (Asian Development Bank) Ordinance	Cap. 271
12. Hong Kong Airport (Control of Obstructions) Ordinance	Cap. 301
13. Pensions (Increase) Ordinance	Cap. 305
14. Waste Disposal Ordinance	Cap. 354
15. Tate's Cairn Tunnel Ordinance	Cap. 393
16. Drug Trafficking (Recovery of Proceeds) Ordinance	Cap. 405
17. Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance	Cap. 413
18. Merchant Shipping (Registration) Ordinance	Cap. 415
19. Western Harbour Crossing Ordinance	Cap. 436

20. Administrative Appeals Board Ordinance	Cap. 442
21. Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits Ordinance	Cap. 445
22. Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance	Cap. 455
23. Tai Lam Tunnel and Yuen Long Approach Road Ordinance	Cap. 474
24. Airport Authority Ordinance	Cap. 483
25. Costs in Criminal Cases Ordinance	Cap. 492
26. New Territories Land Exchange Entitlements (Redemption) Ordinance	Cap. 495
27. Tsing Ma Control Area Ordinance	Cap. 498
28. Fire Safety (Commercial Premises) Ordinance	Cap. 502
29. Fugitive Offenders Ordinance	Cap. 503
30. Government Rent (Assessment And Collection) Ordinance	Cap. 515
31. Auxiliary Medical Service Ordinance	Cap. 517
32. Civil Aid Service Ordinance	Cap. 518
33. Railways Ordinance	Cap. 519
34. Outer Space Ordinance	Cap. 523
35. Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Ordinance	Cap. 525
36. Copyright Ordinance	Cap. 528

Appendix VI

Applicability of Ordinances to the offices set up by the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Relevant documents

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Paper</u>
Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services	15 September 1998	Bar Council of the Hong Kong Bar Association's statement on the Adaptation of Laws (Interpretative Provisions) Bill [LC Paper No. CB(2)200/98-99(01)] Law Society of Hong Kong's letter dated 3 April 1998 to the Secretary for Justice [LC Paper No. CB(2)246/98-99(02)] Department of Justice's paper on "Review of the Binding Effect of 17 Ordinances" [LC Paper No. CB(2)262/98-99(01)] Minutes of meeting [LC Paper No. CB(2)428/98-99]
	2 November 1998	Department of Justice's paper on "Binding effect of Ordinances : legal and constitutional principles, and policy considerations" [LC Paper No. CB(2)415/98-99(01)] Department of Justice's paper on "Ordinances binding the State by necessary implication" [LC Paper No. CB(2)415/98-99(02)] Department of Justice's paper on "The definition of 'State' for the purposes of section 66 of Cap. 1" [LC Paper No. CB(2)415/98-99(03)]

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Paper</u>
		Department of Justice's paper on "Classification of Ordinances" [LC Paper No. CB(2)436/98-99(02)] Financial Services Bureau and Department of Justice's paper on "Binding Effect of the Securities-related Ordinances" [LC Paper No. CB(2)436/98-99(03)] Law Society of Hong Kong's submission on "Binding Effect of Ordinances on the State and Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) : Legal and Constitutional Principles" [LC Paper No. CB(2)469/98-99(01)] Chief Secretary for Administration's information note on "Review of the 17 Ordinances" [LC Paper No. CB(2)478/98-99(02)] Minutes of meeting [LC Paper No. CB(2)861/98-99]
	25 February 1999	Constitutional Affairs Bureau's paper on "Review of the 17 Ordinances" [LC Paper No. CB(2)1324/98-99(02)] Hong Kong Bar Association's submission on section 66 of Cap. 1 [LC Paper No. CB(2)1324/98-99(03)] Law Society of Hong Kong's submission on section 66 of Cap. 1 [LC Paper No. CB(2)1324/98-99(04)] Minutes of meeting [LC Paper No. CB(2)2556/98-99]

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Paper</u>
	16 May 2000	Home Affairs Bureau's paper on "Applicability of Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance to offices set up by the Central People's Government (CPG) in Hong Kong" [LC Paper No. CB(2)1951/99-00(05)] Home Affairs Bureau's letter dated 19 June 2000 concerning details of the meetings held with CPG to discuss the applicability of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance to CPG offices in Hong Kong and related issues [LC Paper No. CB(2)2426/99-00(01)] Chairman of the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services' letter dated 31 May 2000 to the Chief Secretary for Administration [LC Paper No. CB(2)2186/99-00(01)] (English version only) Minutes of meeting (LC Paper No. CB(2)2546/99-00)
	15 May 2001	Home Affairs Bureau's paper on "Applicability of Ordinances to the offices set up by CPG in the HKSAR" [LC Paper No. CB(2)1495/00-01(02)] Information Note prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat on "Review of applicability of Ordinances to State organs" [LC Paper No. CB(2)1531/00-01] Minutes of meeting [LC Paper No. CB(2)152/01-02]
House Committee	18 May 2001	Report on the "Applicability of Ordinances to the offices set up by CPG in the HKSAR" [LC Paper No. CB(2)1563/00-01]

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Paper</u>
	25 May 2001	Minutes of meeting [LC Paper No. CB(2)1657/00-01]
	1 June 2001	Minutes of meeting [LC Paper No. CB(2)1720/00-01]
	8 June 2001	Information paper prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat on "Applicability of Ordinances to the offices set up by the CPG in the HKSAR" [LC Paper No. CB(2)1744/00-01]
	15 June 2001	Minutes of meeting [LC Paper No. CB(2)1873/00-01]
Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services	26 June 2001	Background Paper prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat on "Applicability of Ordinances to the offices set up by the CPG in the HKSAR" [LC Paper No. CB(2)1907/00-01(07)] Department of Justice's paper on "Applicability of Ordinances to the offices set up by the CPG in the HKSAR " [LC Paper No. CB(2)1907/00-01(08)] Constitutional Affairs Bureau's paper on "Applicability of the HKSAR laws to the offices set up by the CPG in the HKSAR" [LC Paper No. CB(2)1907/00-01(09) and (10)] Minutes of meeting [LC Paper No. CB(2)2268/00-01]
	--	Department of Justice's note on the present position of the adaptation of the 53 Ordinances which contain the reference to the "Crown" [LC Paper No. CB(2)2082/00-01(01)]

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Paper</u>
	--	Constitutional Affairs Bureau's letter dated 26 November 2004 on "Applicability of HKSAR laws to offices set up by Central People's Government in HKSAR" [LC Paper No. CB(2)326/04-05(01)]
Panel on Constitutional Affairs	--	Constitutional Affairs Bureau's information note on "Offices set up in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region by the Central People's Government under Article 22 of the Basic Law" [LC Paper No. CB(2)898/06-07(02)]