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Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

List of items tentatively scheduled for discussion at Panel meetings in 2009-2010 session

(Please refer to the List of outstanding items for a brief description of the items) (position as at 21 April 2010)

Meeting on 24 May 2010

- (a) Pre-trial interviewing of witnesses by prosecutors (item 7)
- (b) Mode of trial (item 9)
- (c) Conviction rates (item 14)
- (d) Trial by jury (item 15)
- (e) Consultation Paper on Double Jeopardy published by the Double Jeopardy Subcommittee of the Law Reform Commission (item 19)

Special meeting in May/June 2010

(a) Five-yearly review of the criteria for assessing the financial eligibility of legal aid applicants (item 2)

Meeting on 28 June 2010

- (a) Law Reform Commission Report on Conditional Fees (item 6)
- (b) Appointment of Temporary/Deputy Judges and Judicial Officers (item 10)
- (c) Bailiff services (item 18)

Timing for discussion - to be decided

- (a) Applicability of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSAR") laws to offices set up by Central People's Government in HKSAR (item 1)
- (b) Criminal legal aid fees system (item 3)
- (c) Professional Indemnity Scheme of the Law Society (item 4)
- (d) Implementation of Civil Justice Reform (item 8)

- (e) Inclusion of the statutory Independent Police Complaints Council under the purview of The Ombudsman (item 11)
- (f) Arrangements of replacing Police Constable with security guards at Magistrates' Courts (item 12)
- (g) The role of the Judiciary in the adjudication system under the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance (item 13)
- (h) Law Reform Commission Report on Hearsay in Criminal Proceedings (item 16)
- (i) Implementation of the scheme for granting higher rights of audience to solicitors (item 17)

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