

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

List of items tentatively scheduled for discussion at

Panel meetings in 2010-2011 session

(position as at 20 January 2011)

Meeting on 28 February 2011

- (a) Legislative amendments to implement the proposals arising from the five-yearly review of the criteria for assessing the financial eligibility of legal aid applicants (item 2)
- (b) Membership of Secretary for Justice in the Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission (item 11)
- (c) Reciprocal recognition/enforcement of arbitral awards with Macao (item 17)
- (d) Law Reform Commission Report on "The Common Law Presumption that a Boy under 14 is Incapable of Sexual Intercourse" (item 23)

Meeting on 28 March 2011

- (a) Criminal legal aid fees system (item 3) (March or April 2011)
- (b) Drafting of legislation in Chinese and use of "examples" in legislation (item 10) (March or April 2011)
- (c) Free legal advice service (item 19)
- (d) Development of mediation services (item 20)
- (e) Mediation service for building management cases (item 21)

Meeting on 14 April 2011

- (a) The trend of legislative proposals being put forward by the Administration in the form of subsidiary legislation (item 15)
- (b) Reciprocal recognition/enforcement of matrimonial judgments with the Mainland (item 18)

Meeting on 23 May 2011

- (a) Applicability of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSAR") laws to offices set up by the Central People's Government in HKSAR (item 1)

- (b) Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation relating to co-operation on legal matters (item 13)
- (c) Law Reform Commission Report on Hearsay in Criminal Proceedings (item 7) (May or June 2011)

Meeting on 27 June 2011

- (a) The role of the Judiciary in the adjudication system under the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance (item 6)
- (b) Proposed construction of the West Kowloon Law Courts Building (item 16)
- (c) Appointment of serving Justices of Appeal as non-permanent judges of the Court of Final Appeal ("CFA") and judicial manpower situation in CFA and other levels of courts (item 12) (second quarter of 2011)

Timing for discussion - to be decided

- (a) Professional Indemnity Scheme of the Law Society (item 4)
- (b) Inclusion of the statutory Independent Police Complaints Council under the purview of The Ombudsman (item 5)
- (c) Implementation of the scheme for granting higher rights of audience to solicitors (item 8)
- (d) Consultation Paper on Double Jeopardy published by the Double Jeopardy Subcommittee of the Law Reform Commission (item 9)
- (e) Procedural matters of appeal boards (item 14)
- (f) Prosecution policy (item 22)