

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

List of follow-up actions
(Position as at 25 March 2011)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up actions required	Administration's response
1. Development of mediation services	22 October 2009	The Department of Justice ("DoJ") to provide information on the number and percentage of employment injury compensation cases in which mediation service had been used, if available.	Response awaited.
2. Drafting of legislation	15 December 2009	The Law Drafting Division ("LDD"), DoJ, to revert to the Panel on its consideration of members' suggestion of developing guidelines on the drafting of the long titles of bills.	Response awaited.
3. Legal Aid in Criminal Cases Rules	25 January 2010	Home Affairs Bureau ("HAB") to consider the Law Society of Hong Kong's ("Law Society") proposal for extending legal aid to cases where references are made by the Chief Executive to the Court of Appeal under section 83P of the Criminal Procedure Ordinance (Cap. 221) and incorporating a general provision to empower the Director of Legal Aid to grant legal aid in such circumstances as he thinks fit, and to revert to the Law Society and the Panel on its consideration of the proposal.	Response awaited.
4. Five-yearly review of the criteria for	24 May 2010	The Legal Aid Services Council ("LASC") to revert to the Panel on its recommendations on how assistance could be	Response awaited.

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assessing the financial eligibility of legal aid applicants		provided to employees in obtaining legal aid in employer insolvency cases and in recovery of wages.	
5. Trial in the District Court	28 June 2010	DoJ to discuss with the two legal professional bodies on the viability of giving defendants the right to elect a jury trial and report to the Panel on the progress of the discussion in due course.	DoJ will revert to the Panel in the second quarter of 2011.
6. Five-yearly review of the criteria for assessing the financial eligibility of legal aid applicants	21 July 2010	HAB to consult the relevant parties, including DoJ, the Judiciary, the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Legal Aid Department ("LAD"), on the views and suggestions raised by the Chairman and Members regarding measures to assist employees in wage claims and revert to the Panel in due course.	Response awaited.
7. Progress of review of the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme ("SLAS")	22 November 2010	<p>LAD to provide information on the number of cases where applicants for legal aid had turned down the grant of legal aid due to the amount contributions required to be paid and the amount of contributions involved in such cases.</p> <p>HAB to revert to the Panel on its consideration on the various issues relating to contribution by aided persons raised by members.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>

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8. Implementation of Civil Justice Reform	21 December 2010	The Judiciary Administration ("JA") to provide a written report on the progress of implementation of Civil Justice Reform.	On 17 January 2011, JA advised that it would provide the report in the fourth quarter of 2011.
9. Expansion of SLAS	24 January 2011	HAB to provide for members' reference an analysis, with different scenarios, on the total amount of contributions payable for employee claims on appeal from Labour Tribunal should such claims be covered under SLAS Part I as proposed by LASC.	Response awaited.
10. Law Reform Commission ("LRC") Report on "The Common Law Presumption that a Boy under 14 is Incapable of Sexual Intercourse"	28 February 2011	The Security Bureau to provide a written response to the views and concerns expressed by the Hong Kong Committee on Children's Rights, Against Child Abuse and the Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor on the LRC report, and on whether the Administration had any plan to conduct another review on the issue of age of criminal responsibility.	Response awaited.