

**Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services**

**List of follow-up actions**  
**(Position as at 19 May 2011)**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>Follow-up actions required</b>	<b>Administration's response</b>
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 ("Law Society")'s 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	Response awaited.

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		Society and the Panel on its consideration of the proposal.	
4. Five-yearly review of the criteria for assessing the financial eligibility of legal aid applicants	24 May 2010	The Legal Aid Services Council ("LASC") to revert to the Panel on its recommendations on how assistance could be provided to employees in obtaining legal aid in employer insolvency cases and in recovery of wages.	Response awaited.
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	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.	Response awaited.

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		HAB to revert to the Panel on its consideration on the various issues relating to contribution by aided persons raised by members.	Response awaited.
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. 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 relevant 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, in particular on the issue of age of criminal responsibility.	The Security Bureau's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1669/10-11 on 4 May 2011.
10. Expansion of SLAS	28 March 2011	<p>HAB to provide a progress report in June 2011 on the work of the Administration in taking forward the legislative proposals for expansion of SLAS and the proposal of including derivative claims under SLAS.</p> <p>LAD to provide information on the actual caseload and the success rate of cases relating to sale of goods and provision of services covered under the Ordinary Legal</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>

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		Aid Scheme.	
11. Solicitor Corporations Rules	28 March 2011	The Law Society to clarify as a matter of policy whether a solicitor corporation would be allowed to join a partnership.	Response awaited.

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