Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

List of items tentatively scheduled for discussion at Panel meetings in 2011-2012 session

(Please refer to the List of outstanding items for a brief description of the items) (position as at 20 January 2012)

Meeting on 27 February 2012

- (a) Procedure under Article 158(3) of the Basic Law ("BL") for the Court to make a reference to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress for an interpretation of BL (item 14)
- (b) Free legal advice service A two-year pilot scheme to provide legal advice for litigants in person (Item 9)

Meeting on 26 March 2012

(a) Use of Chinese in court proceedings (item 16)

Meeting on 23 April 2012

- (a) Law Reform Commission ("LRC") Report on Hearsay in Criminal Proceedings (item 5)
- (b) Report on Double Jeopardy to be published by LRC (item 7)
- (c) Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation relating to co-operation on legal matters (item 8)

Meeting on 28 May 2012

- (a) Prosecutorial independence (item 10)
- (b) Judicial manpower situation (item 12)

Meeting on 25 June 2012

(a) Further expansion of the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme (item 11)

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) Professional Indemnity Scheme of the Law Society of Hong Kong (item 2)
- (c) Inclusion of the statutory Independent Police Complaints Council under the purview of The Ombudsman (item 3)
- (d) Statue Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2012 (item 13)
- (e) Relocation of the Court of Final Appeal to the site of the former Legislative Council Building (item 17)
- (f) Implementation of Civil Justice Reform (item 18)
- (g) Review of the "as of right" provision in section 22(1)(a) of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal Ordinance (item 19)

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