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 19 December 2011)

Meeting on 30 January 2012

- (a) The role of the Judiciary in the adjudication system under the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance (item 4)
- (b) Implementation of the scheme for granting higher rights of audience to solicitors (item 6)
- (c) Free legal advice service A two-year pilot scheme to provide legal advice for litigants in person (Item 10)

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 16)
- (b) Issues relating to the provision of legal aid for judicial review cases (item 17)

Meeting on 26 March 2012

(a) Use of Chinese in court proceedings (item 18)

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 11)
- (b) Judicial manpower situation (item 14)

Meeting on 25 June 2012

No item has been scheduled for discussion yet.

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 15)
- (e) Relocation of the Court of Final Appeal to the site of the former Legislative Council Building (item 19)

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