

**Bills Committee on Administration of Justice
(Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2014**

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 24 July 2014**

The Judiciary Administration was requested to provide the following information:

- (a) whether the proposed amendment to rule 12(2) of the Labour Tribunal (General) Rules (Cap. 25 sub. Leg. A) to remove the 12-month limitation on registration of award or order in the District Court (Clause 17 of the Bill) would enable an employee to claim wage in arrears from an employer who had served out a bankruptcy order after four years; and
- (b) the circumstances and precedent cases the Labour Tribunal would make/made an order for security for the payment of an award or order against the employee.

2. The Judiciary Administration was also requested to:

- (a) reconsider the drafting of the proposed revised definition of "live television link" in section 79A of the Criminal Procedure Ordinance ("CPO") (Cap. 221) to the effect that the Criminal Court Users' Committee's consent should be sought before any facilities, regardless of the technology used, could be introduced by the Judiciary in the evidence-taking process by live television links for criminal proceedings;
- (b) consider aligning the two different renderings of the conjunction "and", namely "和" and "並", in the Chinese version of the proposed amendments to paragraphs (a)(i) and (ii) regarding the definition of "live television link" in the existing section 79A of the CPO;
- (c) consider aligning the textual difference between the Chinese version and the English version of paragraph (a) in the proposed revised definition of "live television link" in section 79A of the CPO, in that the conjunction "及" between

paragraphs (a) and (b) in the Chinese version was non-existent in the English version, and review the Chinese and English versions of the whole revised definition of "live television link" in section 79A for any similar textual inconsistencies;

- (d) consider setting out by way of Practice Direction the relevant factors that should be considered by District Judges when deciding whether they should deliver the reasons for the verdict orally or in writing under the proposed amendment to section 80 of the District Court Ordinance ("DCO") (Cap. 336); and
- (e) consider stipulating in the proposed section 80(6) of the DCO that the Court must make a copy of the reasons delivered in writing available for public inspection on the website of the Judiciary, and that the same should apply to the reasons delivered orally and reduced to writing within 21 days after the hearing or trial under the proposed section 80(4).

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