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

**Enhancing the User-friendliness of the Judiciary Website by Introducing
a Function for Searching of Daily Cause Lists**

PURPOSE

This paper briefs Members on the measure taken by the Judiciary in enhancing the user-friendliness in retrieving information from the Daily Cause Lists (“DCL”) on the Judiciary Website.

BACKGROUND

2. The Judiciary Website provides a wealth of information about the Judiciary and its operation, including its latest news and developments and services for court users. It also provides convenient links to facilitate surfing by users to learn about major court services and facilities.

3. To facilitate the retrieval of information, information on the Website is organised and grouped under various headings, e.g. “About Us”, “Court Services & Facilities”, “Court Lists”, “Jury”, “Judgments & Legal Reference” and “Publications”, etc. There is constant addition / removal / updating of the information therein.

THE ISSUE

4. In respect of the schedules of court sittings, members of the public can view the DCL under the heading of Court Lists to retrieve information they require. But no specific search function was previously available to facilitate searching of the contents of the DCL. Hence, a user may find it difficult to retrieve the information he/she requires if he/she does not know the case number or at what level of court the case is heard.

RECENT ENHANCEMENT

5. In response to a LegCo Member's suggestion, the Judiciary has reviewed the matter at paragraph 4 above recently and introduced a search function to facilitate the retrieval of information on the schedules of court sittings on the DCL. Members of the public can now search for the schedules of court sittings which they would like to find out by, say, typing a party's name or other key information known to them. If the name of the party is being typed, a narrowing list of parties of cases of different Courts and Tribunals with names matching the typed text will be shown for selection.

6. The Judiciary is grateful to the suggestion which has helped us to improve the user-friendliness of the Judiciary Website by facilitating retrieval of information from the DCL. We will continue to bring further enhancement to the Judiciary Website as appropriate and necessary.

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