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**Updated background brief on the implementation of the
recommendations made by the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong**

Purpose

This paper provides updated background information regarding the implementation of recommendations made by the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong ("LRC"). It also summarizes the major views and concerns expressed by Legislative Council ("LegCo") Members on the above and related subjects in recent years.

Background

2. The remit of LRC, which is a non-statutory advisory body established in 1980, is to consider for reform such aspects of the law as are referred to it by the Secretary for Justice ("SJ") (who is the *ex officio* Chairman of LRC) or the Chief Justice (who is also an *ex officio* member of LRC). The aim of any LRC reference is to consider the law in a specified area and, where appropriate, present well considered proposals to the Administration.

Mechanism to monitor the implementation of the recommendations made by the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong

3. Arising from the public concern about the delays in implementing the LRC proposals, the Director of Administration issued a set of guidelines in October 2011 under which bureaux and departments having policy responsibility over any LRC report are required to provide at least an interim response within six months of publication of the report and a detailed public response within 12 months of its publication. The interim report should set out a clear timetable for completion of the detailed response and the steps taken so far. Bureaux and departments are required to give full consideration to LRC's

recommendations and provide a detailed public response setting out which recommendations they accept, reject or intend to implement in modified form.

4. At the meeting of the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services ("the AJLS Panel") on 20 December 2011, members discussed the role and work of LRC. They were concerned that with long delay in implementation, the validity and relevance of LRC's recommendations were likely to be diminished and the efforts wasted. To ensure that LRC's recommendations would be implemented without undue delay, the AJLS Panel proposed for the endorsement of the House Committee the following mechanism for monitoring the Administration's progress in implementing LRC's recommendations:

- (a) SJ to submit to the AJLS Panel for discussion an annual report flagging up the progress in respect of the LRC reports which had not yet been implemented, say, after the Policy Address in each year;
- (b) the AJLS Panel to copy the annual report to the relevant Panels to facilitate their follow-up with bureaux and departments having policy responsibility over the respective LRC reports; and
- (c) the relevant Panels to include the Administration's responses to the respective LRC reports in their list of outstanding items for discussion, and to invite members of the AJLS Panel and all other Members to join the future discussion.

5. The mechanism was endorsed by the House Committee at its meeting on 2 March 2012. Pursuant to the above mechanism, eight annual reports had been submitted to the AJLS Panel, including the latest one considered at the meeting on 22 June 2020.

Latest implementation progress of the recommendations made by the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong

6. According to SJ's annual report to the AJLS Panel in June 2020,¹ a total of 67 reports have been published by LRC since 1 January 1982. With one report recommending no change to the law,² the remaining 66 reports were categorized according to their implementation status as follows:

¹ LC Paper No. CB(4)715/19-20(01)

² Report on "The procedure governing the admissibility of confession statements in criminal proceedings" published in July 2000.

- (a) proposals implemented in full (35 reports, 53.0% of the 66 reports);
- (b) proposals implemented in part (eight reports, 12.1% of the 66 reports);
- (c) proposals under consideration or in the process of being implemented (17 reports, 25.8% of the 66 reports);
- (d) proposals rejected outright by the Administration (three reports, 4.55% of the 66 reports); and
- (e) the Administration has no plan to implement the proposals at this juncture (three reports, 4.55% of the 66 reports).

Projects under study by the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong

7. At present, there are seven ongoing projects under study by LRC on, namely, review of sexual offences; causing or allowing the death of a child or vulnerable adult; archives law; access to information; periodical payments for future pecuniary loss in personal injury cases; outcome related fee structures for arbitration and cybercrime. LRC has published the consultation papers for the first six projects and has briefed the AJLS Panel on such papers. The consultation period for consultation papers of LRC usually lasts for three months. The relevant sub-committees of LRC will take into account the responses received in the consultation exercise before finalizing the proposal(s), if any is needed, for submitting their reports to the full LRC for consideration. LRC considers the sub-committees' reports in detail, assisted by chairman and members of the relevant sub-committees, before issuing a final LRC report.

Major views and concerns of Legislative Council Members

8. Major views and concerns expressed by LegCo Members on the implementation of the recommendations made by LRC are summarized in the ensuing paragraphs.

Implementation progress of the recommendations made by the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong

9. Undue delay in the implementation of LRC's recommendations by the Administration has been an on-going concern to LegCo Members. During the deliberations of the annual reports as mentioned in paragraph 5 above at the AJLS Panel meetings, some members expressed concerns that the Administration had spent a long time in considering LRC's recommendations made in its various reports, and the recommendations would become out of date

due to the lapse of time. They were also worried that the delay in implementing those recommendations would hinder the local legislation system from keeping up with the global trend as well as the system's overall development.

10. In view of the above, the Administration was urged to expeditiously implement LRC's recommendations on various reports, and accord higher priority to those recommendations which the public had consensus on and were related to the people's livelihood or commercial in nature. There was also a suggestion that the Administration should establish benchmarks and indicators to monitor the implementation progress of LRC's recommendations.

11. The Administration responded that it had followed up concerns on the need to expedite the implementation process. LRC also attached importance to monitoring the progress on implementation, and it had been made a regular item of the LRC meetings for monitoring the situation. However, in light of the policy and practical implications of the issues involved, the Administration encountered various difficulties in implementing some of the recommendations.

Manpower resources for the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong

12. Noting that the LRC members were working on a voluntary basis, some members of the AJLS Panel opined that the inadequacy in manpower resources in LRC might have prolonged the consultation process and the study of legislative proposals. In this regard, they suggested that the Administration should consider seeking funding to enhance the manpower resources and the working efficiency of LRC and engage more full-time members and staff with professional legal knowledge to support the work of LRC. With a view to expediting the law reform process in Hong Kong, some members also suggested the Administration allocate more resources to expand LRC and its Secretariat.

13. At the AJLS Panel meeting on 20 December 2017, SJ briefed members on the preliminary outcome of the LRC study to review the law reform process with a view to exploring possible options to enhance the efficiency and operation of LRC.

14. The Administration also advised that maintaining the current LRC and sub-committee structure and enhancing support to the LRC Secretariat was LRC's preferred option in the short run. LRC proposed that establishing a fully independent statutory law reform body should be considered as a longer term goal of the Administration. At the same meeting, SJ also advised that concrete proposals on increasing the staffing resources required for the LRC Secretariat and briefing out of research study projects (where appropriate) would be made after consolidating the views of the AJLS Panel, LRC and the relevant bureaux.

15. In response to members' enquiry on the manpower resources for LRC at the AJLS Panel meeting on 22 June 2020, the Administration advised that it had kept on reviewing the manpower resources of LRC and would submit staffing proposals to the Finance Committee for approval if necessary. An example quoted by the Administration was the proposed creation of one permanent post of Deputy Principal Government Counsel (DL2) in the LRC Secretariat (LC Paper No. EC(2018-19)35) to strengthen the legal support provided to LRC to expedite its work in making and implementing recommendations on reform of the law.³

Functions of the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong

16. At the Panel meeting on 24 June 2019, some members expressed concerns about the mechanism for referring subjects to LRC for study, and the principle adopted by the Administration to determine whether a project on law reform would be referred to LRC or would be taken up by government bureaux and departments.

17. SJ replied that there was no hard and fast rule as to whether a project to review the law should be referred to LRC or taken forward by government bureaux and departments. As the circumstances and scope of a comprehensive law reform project conducted by LRC might be much wider than those of a single government bureau and department proposing amendments to a piece of the existing legislation, it was not appropriate to draw a direct comparison between the work of LRC and a legislative amendment exercise conducted by a single government bureau and department.

Implementation status of specific projects of the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong

Report on "Arrest" published in November 1992

18. In response to a member's concern raised at the AJLS Panel meeting on 23 May 2016 about the implementation progress of the recommendations made in the LRC report on "Arrest", SJ responded that more than half of the endorsed recommendations made in that report had been implemented by the Security Bureau ("SB"). It was reviewing some of the proposals in light of the changes in United Kingdom's Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and local enforcement experiences with a view to determining the way forward.

³ The staffing proposal was endorsed by the Establishment Subcommittee in May 2019 and approved by the Finance Committee in July 2020.

19. At the Council meeting of 1 November 2017, a Member raised a question on the implementation status of the LRC report on "Arrest". As it had been almost 25 years since the report was published, and as there were comments that at present, the society's demand for and expectations of human rights and conduct of law enforcement officers were higher as compared with those of the past, he asked whether the Administration would consider afresh adopting the recommendation to draw up codes of practice for police officers, as put forward in the report.

20. According to the Administration, LRC recommended that when it was necessary to amend the code of practice, the law enforcement agency should go through the legislative process regardless of how minor the proposed amendment was. The Administration considered that the code of practice should be amended frequently in light of day-to-day operational experience to ensure that it met the needs of law enforcement. LRC's recommended way of amendment would be inflexible and might affect the responsiveness of the law enforcement agency. The Administration considered the existing way of amending the code of practice through administrative means effective and should be maintained.

Report on "Privacy — Part 3: Stalking" published in October 2000

21. At the AJLS Panel meetings on 20 July 2015 and 23 May 2016, some members noted the divergent views over the implications of the recommendations made in the LRC report on "Privacy — Part 3: Stalking" on constitutional rights, including freedom of the media and freedom of expression and to protect individuals from harassment. They therefore asked whether consideration would be given to first implementing the recommendations to deal with specific problems, such as amending the Domestic and Cohabitation Relationships Violence Ordinance (Cap. 189) to deal with harassment by ex-spouses and introducing legislation against abusive debt collectors.

22. In this regard, SJ advised that the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau ("CMAB") had decided not to legislate against stalking as none of the various formulations (i.e. the respective formulation put forward by LRC and the Consultant commissioned by CMAB to study the experience of overseas jurisdictions in implementing their anti-stalking legislation and the "specified relations" approach) was supported by members of the Panel on Constitutional Affairs, the major stakeholders or the public, as being able to achieve the objective of providing protection to all people alike against stalking, whilst at the same time avoiding interference with the freedoms of the press and expression. However, at the AJLS Panel meeting on 25 June 2018, there was a view that the Administration should continue to closely monitor the need to introduce anti-stalking legislation to criminalize stalking in Hong Kong as well as the overseas experience of implementing anti-stalking legislation.

Report on "The regulation of debt collection practices" published in July 2002

23. At the past AJLS Panel meetings and Council meetings, Members enquired whether the Administration would consider afresh accepting the recommendations in the LRC report on "The regulation of debt collection practices" published in 2002 that a criminal offence of harassment of debtors and others should be created, and that a statutory licensing system to regulate debt collection agencies should be established.

24. The Administration responded that SB had, upon thorough consideration, gave a detailed response to the abovementioned LRC report in September 2005. With regard to the recommendation to enact a new criminal offence provision to regulate debt collection practices, the Administration considered that there were various prevailing legal provisions, including the Crimes Ordinance (Cap. 200), Theft Ordinance (Cap. 210), Offences Against the Person Ordinance (Cap. 212), Summary Offences Ordinance (Cap. 228), Societies Ordinance (Cap. 151) and Post Office Ordinance (Cap. 98), to specifically guard against different kinds of illegal debt collection practices, such as splashing paint, jamming of door locks with glue, mailing of letters with threatening statements or "paper money for the dead", threatening by visits, etc. The Administration was of the view that there was no need to introduce new criminal offence provisions with respect to the operation of debt collection agencies.

Report on "Class actions" published in May 2012

25. At the previous AJLS Panel meetings, special Finance Committee meetings and Council meetings, Members expressed concerns about the work progress of the cross-sector Working Group set up by the Department of Justice ("DoJ") to study LRC's proposals of introducing a class action regime in Hong Kong ("the Working Group"). They asked whether a legislative proposal would be submitted to LegCo in this regard. There was also an enquiry whether the said Working Group would submit an interim or preliminary report for discussion by the AJLS Panel on the advantages and disadvantages of introducing a class action regime in Hong Kong, given that LRC had made recommendations in its report in 2012.

26. According to the information provided by the Administration in April 2019, the Working Group was still studying and considering the LRC report on "Class Actions". As at 17 April 2019, the Working Group had held 25 meetings since its inception while a sub-committee set up under the working group had met 30 times. The study was progressing well, but the subject of class actions involved wide-ranging, complex and interrelated issues covering not only technical issues in law but also policy considerations. In relation to these two aspects, there was still room for modifications regarding the details from the implementation angle, and time was required for more in-depth analysis.

27. As regards the types of cases under study, the Administration further advised that the Working Group was mainly considering the LRC report's recommendation to introduce a class action regime starting with consumer claims. In the course of the study, the Working Group would continue to note and draw reference from the developments in those overseas jurisdictions which had introduced a class action regime as regards its implementation by the courts and the use of non-litigation means to resolve disputes. Upon completion of the study, the Working Group would put forward its recommendations for the Administration to consider and map out the way forward. Although there was not yet a specific timetable for public consultation, the secretariat of the Working Group had started compiling a draft consultation document in parallel based on the research papers and deliberations of the Working Group.

Report on "Adverse possession" published in October 2014

28. When discussing the implementation of the recommendations made by LRC at the AJLS Panel meeting on 26 June 2017 and 25 June 2018, some members called for the Administration to speed up the implementation of LRC's recommendations relating to adverse possession as the provisions on adverse possession might be unfair to some registered owners. Nonetheless, there was also a view that the main justification for adverse possession was to protect persons who had long uninterrupted occupation of a land from stale claims and to encourage owners not to sleep on their rights. As such, when considering the issues of adverse possession, the Administration should strike an appropriate balance between protecting the rights of the registered owners and the occupants.

29. In response, SJ explained that as the topic was complex and controversial, and the stakeholders had diverse views on aspects of the implementation of LRC's recommendations, the Administration needed to study and consider the recommendations carefully. SJ also said that LRC would follow up with the Development Bureau accordingly.

Report on "Voyeurism and Non-consensual Upskirt-photography" published in April 2019

30. At the Council meeting of 8 May 2019 and the AJLS Panel meetings on 24 June 2019, Members expressed concern about the impacts brought about by the Court of Final Appeal ("CFA")'s judgment on an appeal case handed down on 4 April 2019 in relation to section 161 of Cap. 200 ("the CFA's Judgment"). They considered that the CFA's Judgment would make it difficult for the Police to invoke section 161 of Cap. 200 to institute prosecutions against persons who took photographs clandestinely with their own mobile phones in a private place. With a view to plugging such a loophole, Members urged the Administration to

commence the relevant legislative process for making of a new offence as early as practicable.

31. SJ responded that in respect of the offence of voyeurism, LRC had released the report on "Voyeurism and non-consensual upskirt-photography"⁴ on 30 April 2019. SB welcomed LRC's recommendations and indicated that it would carefully study and follow up on the report.

32. At the AJLS Panel meeting on 22 June 2020, in response to members' concern over the delay in implementation progress amidst an increasing number of clandestine photo-taking cases, SJ advised that pending the introduction of the new offence of voyeurism, DoJ would continue to ensure that charges taken against the acts of clandestine photo-taking under the offence of "access to computer with criminal or dishonest intent" under section 161 of the Crimes Ordinance (Cap. 200) would be handled appropriately, such as considering the feasibility of laying alternative charge(s).

33. The Administration further consulted the Panel on Security on the proposed introduction of offences on voyeurism and non-consensual photography of intimate parts, and related offences at its meetings on 7 July 2020 and 15 January 2021. The Crimes (Amendment) Bill 2021, which sought to implement the relevant legislative amendments, was introduced to LegCo on 24 March 2021. A Bills Committee was formed on 26 March 2021 to scrutinize the Bill, the work of which is still in progress.

Reports on "Privacy — Part 4: Privacy and media intrusion" and "Privacy — Part 5: Civil liability for invasion of privacy"

34. At the AJLS Panel meeting on 22 June 2020, members pointed out that amidst the social events of 2019, there had been an increasing number of cyber-bullying cases in which the personal data and private information of Members, public officers (in particular police officers) were exposed on the Internet and, in some cases, even their family members were threatened or harassed. In relation to LRC's reports on "Privacy — Part 4: Privacy and media intrusion" and "Privacy — Part 5: Civil liability for invasion of privacy" issued in

⁴ According to LRC's website, the report follows a study on the overall review of substantive sexual offences by LRC's Review of Sexual Offences Sub-committee, which issued three consultation papers in September 2012, November 2016 and May 2018 respectively. Noting the strong sentiments received in the consultation exercises and the imminent need for the introduction of these new offences, it was decided that it would be to the benefit of the community to expeditiously publish the report ahead of the remaining work of the Sub-committee. The responses to the consultation papers have been taken into account in formulating the final recommendation as regards voyeurism and non-consensual upskirt-photography.

December 2004, members asked whether LRC would consider reviewing the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486) expeditiously and comprehensively to enhance the role of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data with a view to curbing the growing problem of privacy invasion and cyber-bullying.

35. In response, SJ advised that a sub-committee had been established by LRC in December 2018 to study the topic of cybercrime having regard to the rapid developments associated with information technology, the computer and the Internet, as well as the potential for them to be exploited for carrying out criminal activities. In the course of its study, this sub-committee would identify the challenges arising from such rapid developments, review existing legislation and other relevant measures, examine relevant developments in other jurisdictions and recommend possible law reforms (if any).

Report on "Enduring powers of attorney: personal care"

36. At the AJLS Panel meeting on 22 June 2020, in response to members' concern about the implementation progress of the report on "Enduring powers of attorney: personal care" published in July 2011, the Administration advised that DoJ had convened meetings of an inter-departmental working group to examine the recommendations in the report. DoJ had also launched a public consultation on a draft Bill on 28 December 2017 and briefed the AJLS Panel on the consultation on 22 January 2018. DoJ would brief the AJLS Panel on the result of the consultation as well as the proposed way forward at a future meeting.

Report on "Criteria for service as jurors"

37. At the AJLS Panel meeting on 22 June 2020, members raised allegations that some people were mobilized to serve as jurors for trials relating to the social events in 2019, in order to help those defendants belonging to the same political camp as theirs through affecting the judgments. Noting that LRC's report on "Criteria for service as jurors" had been published back in June 2010, members considered that the criteria for service as jurors might need to be reviewed. SJ advised that DoJ was preparing a working draft Bill with a view to consulting the public including the legal professional bodies, relevant stakeholders and the Judiciary on legislative proposals in relation to the recommendations made in LRC's report on "Criteria for service as jurors".

Progress of ongoing projects under study by the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong

38. In response to Members' concerns about the CFA's Judgment as mentioned in paragraph 30, the Administration advised that in light of the rapid

development associated with information technology, computer and the Internet, coupled with the potential for them to be exploited for carrying out criminal activities, an LRC sub-committee commenced its study on the topic of cybercrime in January 2019. In the course of its study, the sub-committee would identify the challenges arising from such rapid developments, review existing legislation and other relevant measures, examine relevant developments in other jurisdictions and recommend possible law reforms (if any). SB would continue to closely monitor the progress of the sub-committee's study.

39. At the Council meeting of 30 October 2019, a Member asked about the progress of the review on causing or allowing the death or serious harm of a child or vulnerable adult conducted by a sub-committee of LRC. In response, the Administration advised that a public consultation on the proposed new offence of "failure to protect" had been conducted from May to August 2019. It was understood that the above sub-committee would collate and consider carefully the views collected from the public consultation with a view to submitting the final recommendations to LRC as soon as practicable.

Latest position

40. Pursuant to the mechanism mentioned in paragraph 4 above, SJ will submit the ninth annual report, setting out the Administration's latest progress in implementing the recommendations of LRC, to the AJLS Panel for its meeting scheduled for 21 June 2021.

Relevant papers

41. A list of relevant papers is in the **Appendix**.

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List of relevant papers

Date of meeting	Meeting	Minutes/Paper	LC Paper No.
26.1.2011	Council meeting	Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun raised a question on implementation of recommendations on law reform	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201101/26/P201101260111.htm
20.12.2011	Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services	Law Reform Commission's paper on its role and work	CB(2)1479/10-11(01) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/panels/ajls/papers/aj0419cb2-1479-1-e.pdf
		Supplementary information note on the Law Reform Commission	CB(2)584/11-12(01) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr11-12/english/panels/ajls/papers/aj1220cb2-584-1-e.pdf
		Minutes of meeting	CB(2)1932/11-12 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr11-12/english/panels/ajls/minutes/aj20111220.pdf
27.2.2012	Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services	Draft letter to the Chairman of the House Committee on implementation of the recommendations made by the Law Reform Commission	CB(2)752/11-12(01) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr11-12/english/panels/ajls/papers/aj0227cb2-752-1-e.pdf
		Minutes of meeting	CB(2)2843/11-12 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr11-12/english/panels/ajls/minutes/aj20120227.pdf

Date of meeting	Meeting	Minutes/Paper	LC Paper No.
2.3.2012	House Committee	Letter dated 28 February 2012 from the Chairman of the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services to the Chairman of the House Committee	CB(2)1236/11-12(02) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr11-12/english/hc/papers/hc0302cb2-1236-2-e.pdf
		Minutes of meeting	CB(2)1449/11-12 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr11-12/english/hc/minutes/hc20120302.pdf
4.7.2012	Council meeting	Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip raised a question on combating illegal debt collection activities	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201207/04/P201207040399.htm
5.6.2013	Council meeting	Hon Charles Peter MOK raised a question on Code on Access to Information	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201306/05/P201306050285.htm
25.6.2013	Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services	Law Reform Commission Secretariat's paper on implementation of the recommendations made by the Law Reform Commission	CB(4)794/12-13(03) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr12-13/english/panels/ajls/papers/aj0625cb4-794-3-e.pdf
		Minutes of meeting	CB(4)247/13-14 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr12-13/english/panels/ajls/minutes/aj20130625.pdf
16.4.2014	Council meeting	Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing raised a question on management of public records	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201404/16/P201404160440.htm

Date of meeting	Meeting	Minutes/Paper	LC Paper No.
27.5.2014	Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services	Law Reform Commission Secretariat's paper on implementation of the recommendations made by the Law Reform Commission	CB(4)692/13-14(03) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr13-14/english/panels/ajls/papers/aj0527cb4-692-3-e.pdf
		Administration's follow-up paper	CB(4)699/13-14(01) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr13-14/english/panels/ajls/papers/aj0422cb4-699-1-e.pdf
		Minutes of meeting	CB(4)1066/13-14 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr13-14/english/panels/ajls/minutes/aj20140527.pdf
4.6.2014	Council meeting	Hon Charles Peter MOK raised a question on Administration of the Code on Access to Information	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201406/04/P201406030878.htm
20.7.2015	Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services	Law Reform Commission Secretariat's paper on implementation of the recommendations made by the Law Reform Commission	CB(4)1313/14-15(02) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr14-15/english/panels/ajls/papers/ajls20150720cb4-1313-2-e.pdf
		Minutes of meeting	CB(4)1440/14-15 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr14-15/english/panels/ajls/minutes/ajls20150720.pdf
2.12.2015	Council meeting	Hon Elizabeth QUAT raised a question on protection for victims of sexual offence cases	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201512/02/P201512020514.htm

Date of meeting	Meeting	Minutes/Paper	LC Paper No.
13.4.2016	Council meeting	Hon IP Kwok-him raised a question on regulation of activities for soliciting donations from public	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201604/13/P201604130478.htm
23.5.2016	Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services	Law Reform Commission Secretariat's paper on implementation of the recommendations made by the Law Reform Commission	CB(4)994/15-16(04) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr15-16/english/panels/ajls/papers/ajls20160523cb4-994-4-e.pdf
		Minutes of meeting	CB(4)1253/15-16 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr15-16/english/panels/ajls/minutes/ajls20160523.pdf
8.6.2016	Council meeting	Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip raised a question on preventing and combating improper debt collection practices	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201606/08/P201606080484.htm
13.7.2016	Council meeting	Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che raised a question on family and child protective services	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201607/13/P2016071301623.htm
23.11.2016	Council meeting	Hon Charles Peter MOK raised a question on management of public records	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201611/23/P2016112300555.htm
10.5.2017	Council meeting	Hon CHAN Chi-chuen raised a question on preventing and combating improper debt collection practices	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201705/10/P2017051000475.htm

Date of meeting	Meeting	Minutes/Paper	LC Paper No.
26.6.2017	Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services	Law Reform Commission Secretariat's paper on implementation of the recommendations made by the Law Reform Commission	CB(4)1255/16-17(05) https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/panels/ajls/papers/ajls20170626cb4-1255-5-e.pdf
		Minutes of meeting	CB(4)143/17-18 https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/panels/ajls/minutes/ajls20170626.pdf
18.10.2017	Council meeting	Hon Charles Peter MOK raised a question on enacting legislation on freedom of information and improving the Code on Access to Information	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201710/18/P2017101800584.htm
1.11.2017	Council meeting	Hon Kenneth LEUNG raised a question on Majority of the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong's recommendations suitably implemented by law enforcement agencies	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201711/01/P2017110100523.htm
13.12.2017	Council meeting	Hon Alvin YEUNG raised a question on development in elderly healthcare services to cope with population change	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201712/13/P2017121300636.htm
		Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding raised a question on introduction of a mechanism for class actions	http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201712/13/P2017121300451.htm

Date of meeting	Meeting	Minutes/Paper	LC Paper No.
16.4.2018	Finance Committee (Special meeting)	Replies to initial written questions raised by Finance Committee members in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2018-2019 (Session No.: 2) (Reply Serial Nos. SJ052, S-SJ01, S-SJ04 and S-SJ05)	https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr17-18/english/fc/fc/wq/sj-e.pdf https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr17-18/english/fc/fc/supw/s-sj-e.pdf
25.6.2018	Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services	Law Reform Commission's paper on implementation of the recommendations made by the Law Reform Commission	CB(4)1249/17-18(05) https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr17-18/english/panels/ajls/papers/ajls20180625cb4-1249-5-e.pdf
		Consultation paper and executive summary of consultation paper on miscellaneous sexual offences published by the Review of Sexual Offences Sub-committee of the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong	CB(4)1109/17-18(01) https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr17-18/english/panels/ajls/papers/ajlscb4-1109-1-e.pdf CB(4)1109/17-18(02) https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr17-18/english/panels/ajls/papers/ajlscb4-1109-2-e.pdf
		Consultation paper and executive summary of consultation paper on periodical payments for future pecuniary loss in personal injury cases published by the Periodical Payments for Future Pecuniary Loss in Personal Injury Cases of the Sub-committee of the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong	CB(4)1249/17-18(07) https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr17-18/english/panels/ajls/papers/ajls20180625cb4-1249-7-e.pdf CB(4)1249/17-18(08) https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr17-18/english/panels/ajls/papers/ajls20180625cb4-1249-8-e.pdf

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		Minutes of meeting	CB(4)319/18-19 https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr17-18/english/panels/ajls/minutes/ajls20180625.pdf
18.7.2018	Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services	Consultation paper and executive summary of consultation paper on miscellaneous sexual offences published by the Review of Sexual Offences Sub-committee of the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong	CB(4)1109/17-18(01) https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr17-18/english/panels/ajls/papers/ajlscb4-1109-1-e.pdf CB(4)1109/17-18(02) https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr17-18/english/panels/ajls/papers/ajlscb4-1109-2-e.pdf
		Minutes of meeting	CB(4)446/18-19 https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr17-18/english/panels/ajls/minutes/ajls20180718.pdf
25.2.2019	Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services	Consultation paper and executive summary of consultation paper on archives law published by the Archives Law Sub-committee of the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong	CB(4)294/18-19(01) https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr18-19/english/panels/ajls/papers/ajlscb4-294-1-e.pdf CB(4)294/18-19(02) https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr18-19/english/panels/ajls/papers/ajlscb4-294-2-e.pdf

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		<p>Consultation paper and executive summary of consultation paper on access to information published by the Access to Information Sub-committee of the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong</p>	<p>CB(4)294/18-19(03) https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr18-19/english/panels/ajls/papers/ajlscb4-294-3-e.pdf</p> <p>CB(4)294/18-19(04) https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr18-19/english/panels/ajls/papers/ajlscb4-294-4-e.pdf</p>
		<p>Minutes of meeting</p>	<p>CB(4)1205/18-19 https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr18-19/english/panels/ajls/minutes/ajls20190225.pdf</p>
<p>8.4.2019</p>	<p>Finance Committee (Special meeting)</p>	<p>Replies to initial written questions raised by Finance Committee members in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2019-2020 (Session No.: 2) (Reply Serial Nos. SJ056 and SJ058)</p>	<p>https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr18-19/english/fc/fc/w_q/sj-e.pdf</p>
<p>17.4.2019</p>	<p>Council meeting</p>	<p>Hon Dennis KWOK Wing-hang raised a question on introduction of a mechanism for class actions</p>	<p>https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201904/17/P2019041700786.htm</p>
<p>8.5.2019</p>	<p>Council meeting</p>	<p>Hon Elizabeth QUAT raised a question on acts relating to clandestine photography</p>	<p>https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201905/08/P2019050800563.htm</p>

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27.5.2019	Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services	Consultation paper and executive summary of consultation paper on causing or allowing the death or serious harm of a child or vulnerable adult published by the Causing or Allowing the Death of a Child or Vulnerable Adult Sub-committee of the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong	CB(4)903/18-19(01) https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr18-19/english/panels/ajls/papers/ajls20190527cb4-903-1-e.pdf CB(4)903/18-19(02) https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr18-19/english/panels/ajls/papers/ajls20190527cb4-903-2-e.pdf
		Minutes of meeting	CB(4)1224/18-19 https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr18-19/english/panels/ajls/minutes/ajls20190527.pdf
24.6.2019	Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services	Administration's paper on implementation of the recommendations made by the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong	CB(4)1007/18-19(05) https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr18-19/english/panels/ajls/papers/ajls20190624cb4-1007-5-e.pdf
		Minutes of meeting	CB(4)36/19-20 https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr18-19/english/panels/ajls/minutes/ajls20190624.pdf
		Follow-up paper	CB(4)403/19-20(01) https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr18-19/english/panels/ajls/papers/ajls20190624cb4-403-1-e.pdf

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30.10.2019	Council meeting	Hon Elizabeth QUAT raised a question on legislation and measures for protecting children	https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201910/30/P2019103000407.htm
22.6.2020	Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services	Administration's paper on implementation of the recommendations made by the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong	CB(4)715/18-19(01) https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr19-20/english/panels/ajls/papers/ajls20200622cb4-715-1-e.pdf
		Minutes of meeting	CB(4)884/19-20 https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr19-20/english/panels/ajls/minutes/ajls20200622.pdf

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