## Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

<u>List of follow-up actions</u> (position as at 19 March 2013)

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1.	Solicitor Corporations Rules	28 March 2011	The Law Society of Hong Kong to clarify as a matter of policy whether a solicitor corporation would be allowed to join a partnership.	Response awaited.
2.	A two-year pilot scheme to provide legal advice for litigants in person	27 February 2012	The Home Affairs Bureau to provide information relating to the implementation details of the pilot scheme when being finalized in the second quarter of 2012.	An information paper on "Two-year Pilot Scheme to Provide Legal Advice for Litigants in Person" was provided by the Home Affairs Bureau to the Panel on 12 March 2013.
3.	Law Reform Commission's Consultation Paper on Rape and Other Non-consensual Sexual Offences	8 January 2013	At the request of Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, the Administration and the Judiciary to provide the following information in relation to the handling of sexual offences cases:  (a) the existing procedures and guidelines of the Police in the handling of sexual offences cases;  (b) the relevant training for police constables in the handling of sexual offences cases;  (c) the number of applications received from litigants of sexual offences cases requesting for use of videoconferencing	An information paper on "Protection of Victims of Sexual Offence Cases During Court Proceedings" was provided by the Judiciary Administration to the Panel on 21 February 2013.  An information paper on "Procedures in handling of sexual offences cases and related trainings of the Hong Kong Police Force" was provided by the Security Bureau to the Panel on 22 February 2013.  An information paper on "Existing

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			facilities in court hearings and the number of cases approved; and  (d) the relevant court guidelines for trying sexual offences cases.	measures by Prosecutions Division of Department of Justice in handling victims in sexual offence cases" was provided by the Department of Justice to the Panel on 12 March 2013.
4.	Relocation of the Court of Final Appeal to the site of the former Legislative Council Building	26 February 2013	The Judiciary Administration was requested to provide a response to the following views raised by members at the meeting:  (a) the important history of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") which took place in the former LegCo Building should be made known to the public in the future CFA building;  (b) at least one of the two public galleries in the former LegCo Building should be retained to preserve the history of the LegCo;  (c) the future Court of Final Appeal ("CFA") building, such as the verandah on the first floor and the roof terrace on the second floor, should be opened up for public enjoyment on weekends and Sundays as far as possible;  (d) the pantry in the former LegCo Building	A response was provided in the Administration's paper submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC(2012-13)56).

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		should be retained, and its previous use to detain persons could be included in the guided tour information for visitors of the building; and	
		(e) the library in the future CFA building should be opened up for use by all legal practitioners handling the cases being heard by the CFA.	

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