

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 16 October 2012)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up actions required	Administration's response
1. Drafting of legislation	15 December 2009	The Law Drafting Division, Department of Justice ("DoJ"), to revert to the Panel on its consideration of members' suggestion of developing guidelines on the drafting of the long titles of bills.	DoJ's paper was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2614/11-12(01) on 17 July 2012.
2. Trial in the District Court	28 June 2010	DoJ to discuss with the two legal professional bodies on the viability of giving defendants the right to elect a jury trial and report to the Panel on the progress of the discussion in due course. DoJ will continue its dialogue with the two legal professional bodies and will revert to the Panel at a suitable juncture.	DoJ's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2) 2614/11-12(01) on 17 July 2012.
3. Progress of review of Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme ("SLAS")	22 November 2010, 28 March 2011 & 20 December 2011, 10 July 2012	The Home Affairs Bureau ("HAB") to revert to the Panel on its consideration on the various issues relating to contribution by aided persons raised by members. HAB to provide a progress report in June 2011 on the work of the Administration in taking forward the legislative proposals for expansion of SLAS and the proposal of including derivative claims under OLAS.	HAB briefed the Panel on the progress of legislative amendments and reported on the way forward regarding other proposals not supported for inclusion in SLAS at the present stage. The Resolution to amend Schedules 2 and 3 of the

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			<p>Legal Aid Ordinance (Cap. 91) to expand the scope of OLAS and SLAS was passed at the Council meeting of 11 July 2012. At the meeting of the Executive Council ("ExCo") on 25 September 2012, the ExCo advised and the Chief Executive ordered that the Legal Aid (Amendment) Regulation 2012 and the Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources and Contributions) (Amendment) Regulation 2012 ("the amendment regulations") should be made to provide for the enhanced application fees and rates of contribution applicable to the newly added legal proceedings under the expanded SLAS. The legislative amendments will commence operation on 30 November 2012. The Administration will seek approval from the Finance</p>

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			Committee on the proposed injection of \$100 million to the SLAS Fund on 16 November 2012.
4. Solicitor Corporations Rules	28 March 2011	The Law Society to clarify as a matter of policy whether a solicitor corporation would be allowed to join a partnership.	Response awaited.
5. Reciprocal recognition and enforcement of matrimonial judgments with the Mainland	23 May 2011	DoJ to provide a timetable for the implementation of the proposed arrangement with the Mainland on reciprocal recognition and enforcement of matrimonial judgments.	DoJ's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2614/11-12(01) on 17 July 2012.
6. Appointment of joint or joint and several attorneys under section 15(1) of the Enduring Powers of Attorney ("EPA") Ordinance	25 October & 17 November 2011 Meetings of the Bills Committee on EPA (Amendment) Bill 2011	DoJ to review in future whether there is a need to amend the requirements under section 15(1) of the EPA Ordinance for appointing attorneys to act jointly or to act jointly and severally and revert to the Panel accordingly.	DoJ's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2614/11-12(01) on 17 July 2012.

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7. A two-year pilot scheme to provide legal advice for litigants in person	27 February 2012	HAB to provide information relating to implementation details of the pilot scheme when being finalized in the second quarter of 2012.	The Administration will provide further information on the details of the pilot scheme for the Panel's reference. A Steering Committee has been established to advise the Administration on the launching of the pilot scheme.
8. Judicial review against a resolution of LegCo	10 February 2012 House Committee	The Administration to study the legal and procedural issues involved in a judicial review against a resolution passed by LegCo; and to consider appropriate legislative measures if necessary.	The Administration has provided a progress report on the motion on Subcommittee Report passed at the Council meeting of 29 February 2012 issued to all Members vide LC Paper No. CB(3)1064/11-12 on 11 July 2012.

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9. Setting up of Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association Limited ("HKMAAL")	25 April 2012 Bills Committee on Mediation Bill	The Administration to elaborate further on the setting up of HKMAAL and the timetable for its establishment during the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Mediation Bill.	Secretary for Justice ("SJ") had provided an update in his speech at the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Mediation Bill on 15 June 2012. Progress report to be provided in due course.
10. Judicial manpower situation	28 May 2012	The Judiciary Administration ("JA") to provide relevant information relating to the work of the Probate Registry (including its judicial and non-judicial staffing provision, accommodation arrangement and performance standards etc.) to help gauge the extent of the problem on its efficiency and identify ways for improvement.	JA's paper was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2582/11-12(01) on 11 July 2012.
11. Law Reform Commission Report on Class Actions	10 July 2012	SJ to accord priority of the proposed class action regime in the policy agenda of the fourth-term Government.	Response awaited.