Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

<u>List of follow-up actions</u> (position as at 10 December 2012)

	Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up actions required	Administration's response
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.	A Steering Committee has been established to advise the Administration on the launching of the pilot scheme. The Administration will provide further information on the details of the pilot scheme for the Panel's reference.
3.	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.	The 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.
4.	Law Reform Commission Report on Class Actions	10 July 2012	SJ to accord priority to the proposed class action regime in the policy agenda of the fourth-term Government.	Response awaited.

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5. Relocation of the Department of Justice ("DoJ") to the former Central Government Offices (Main and East Wings)	27 November 2012	DoJ to provide the following information in its funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee: (a) the total area to be occupied by DoJ in the Queensway Government Offices ("QGO") and in the former Central Government Offices (Main and East Wings) ("CGO (Main and East Wings") respectively, after some of the offices of DoJ had relocated to CGO (Main and East Wings) and the remaining outstation offices in the vicinity of Admiralty had moved into QGO; (b) justification(s) for the additional space, if any, to be provided to DoJ as a result of (a) above; and (c) cost breakdown of the subject Public Works Project, including the cost for preservation, repair, and alterations of the existing building, and the cost for compliance with statutory requirements.	Response awaited.

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