

**Subcommittee on District Court Equal Opportunities
(Amendment) Rules 2014**

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 30 July 2014**

The Judiciary was requested to provide the following information -

- (a) whether the simplified procedures set out under the District Court Equal Opportunities (Amendment) Rules 2014 ("the Rules") should only apply to the adjudication of causes of action under a relevant Ordinance ("EO claims"), or they could also apply to cases involving both EO claims and other causes of action (e.g. negligence at common law) ("mixed claims");
- (b) whether the mixed claims should be dealt with separately so that the EO claims would be handled in accordance with the simplified procedures under the Rules while the other causes of action would be dealt with in accordance with the existing procedures under the Rules of the District Court (Cap. 336H), and whether the claimant would be allowed to choose between the simplified and existing procedures in making the mixed claims;
- (c) if an action involving mixed claims was commenced by writ in accordance with the existing procedures under Cap. 336H, whether the Court was empowered (and if so, under which provisions of the Rules and/or Cap. 336H) to direct at an appropriate juncture -
 - (i) such mixed claims to be proceeded with separately so that the EO claims would be dealt with pursuant to the simplified procedures under the Rules while the other causes of action would be proceeded with pursuant to the existing procedures under Cap. 336H; or
 - (ii) the whole action involving mixed claims to be proceeded with under the existing procedures in accordance with Cap. 336H; and
- (d) whether the Rules were capable of catering for circumstances involving parties who were minors, incapacitated or deceased.