

LegCo Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

Y2K Compliance Position of the Department of Justice

The Department's Y2K preparations are well underway. In accordance with Government directives, we have identified all possible Y2K problem areas and have begun the process of actually remedying the systems that need changing. We are currently on schedule to complete all Y2K rectification projects by the end of June 1999.

2. The Year 2000 situation and progress of rectification works can be summarised as follow -

(a) Administrative Computer Systems

There are 6 Non-Critical Administrative Computer Systems in our Department, 3 of which (Bilingual Laws Information System, Bilingual Document Management System and Library Management System) are Y2K compliant and therefore require no rectification work. The other 3 (English Document Management System, Network Installation and Office Automation Project, and Bar-coding File Management System) are not compliant and are now in the process of being replaced or upgraded.

(b) End-User Developed Computer Systems

There are 25 small scale stand-alone systems in the department. Three of these are Y2K compliant. Five will be replaced soon by the new Tracking System. Of the remaining 17 systems requiring rectification, eight (47%) have already been completed. The software for the other nine systems will either be upgraded, rewritten or replaced by other systems now being installed under our Information Systems Strategy Plan. This will be completed by the end of June 1999.

(c) Other Systems

All other systems including the line communication systems and the telephone systems are confirmed to be Y2K compliant.

3. None of the Department's systems fall within the category of 'Critical Systems' in the sense that they relate to public health and safety, the provision of a critical service to the public or payments and collection of revenue.

4. We are currently on schedule to complete all of our rectification projects by the end of June.