

Chapter 10 Communications with Legal Aid Practitioners

The Legal Aid Department works in partnership with the legal profession in providing legal aid service. To ensure an efficient and effective delivery of legal aid service, the Department has regular meeting with representatives of the Hong Kong Bar Association and the Law Society of Hong Kong through the Legal Aid Practitioners' Liaison Committee. The Legal Aid Practitioners' Liaison Committee which was set up in 1998 provides a useful forum for discussion of matters of mutual concern between the Department and the two legal professional bodies.

2. A quarterly newsletter - LAD News - is issued to all Legal Aid Panel members, Barrister Chambers and solicitor firms since February 1997 to keep legal practitioners informed of the latest news about legal aid. Since January 2001, a special column is included in the LAD News which is aimed at highlighting matters of interest or concern to legal aid practitioners.

3. Should legal aid practitioners have any views on provision of legal aid services or any matter relating to legal aid, they are welcome to write to the Senior Executive Officer (Systems) or raise with their representatives on the Legal Aid Practitioners' Liaison Committee.

