Dr Patrick Ho receives EOC inquiry report

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The Government today (February 2) announced that it had received the Report of the Independent Panel of Inquiry on the Incidents Relating to the Equal Opportunities Commission.

The Panel comprises Professor Tam Sheung-wai, GBS, JP, as the chairman and Mr Anthony Wu Ting-yuk and Mrs Fanny Lai Ip Po-ping as members.

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Dr Patrick Ho thanked Professor Tam Sheung-wai and Mr Anthony Wu Ting-yuk and Mrs Fanny Lai Ip Po-ping, for their dedication and hard work in the last nine months.

"We would also like to thank them for conducting the inquiry independently and fairly and for their comprehensive report. I have also submitted a copy of the report at once to the Chief Executive," Dr Ho said.

"We will study the report and its recommendations to see how these could be taken forward."

The Panel's terms of reference are as follows:

- (a) To inquire into the appointment and termination of appointment of Mr Patrick Yu as Director (Operations) of the Equal Opportunities Commission and issues related thereto; and
- (b) To inquire into the incidents which have affected the credibility of the Equal Opportunities Commission and to make recommendations on measures to restore such credibility.

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