

Inter-departmental working group on gender recognition

To follow up on the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal in the case of *W v The Registrar of Marriages (FACV 4/2012)*, the Government is in the process of setting up an inter-departmental working group to consider legislation and incidental administrative measures that may be required to protect the rights of transsexual persons in all legal contexts and to make such recommendations for reform as may be appropriate, a spokesman for the Department of Justice said today (January 13).

The working group, to be chaired by the Secretary for Justice, Mr Rimsky Yuen, SC, will undertake a comprehensive study on the law concerning gender recognition in Hong Kong. The working group will conduct a comprehensive review of the legal issues concerning the rights of transsexual persons in Hong Kong, including a comparative study of the relevant legislations, case-law and schemes in other jurisdictions, with a view to making recommendations to the Administration on possible legislation and incidental administrative measures that may be appropriate.

As and when appropriate, the working group will also conduct consultations and engage the assistance of relevant experts or professionals, the spokesman added.

The membership of the working group is as follows:

1. Rimsky Yuen, SC, Secretary for Justice (Chairman)
2. Mr Stewart Wong, SC
3. Mr Eric Cheung
4. Mr Gordon Leung, Deputy Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
5. Mr Davey Chung, Deputy Secretary for Food and Health (Health)
6. Ms Maggie Wong, Deputy Secretary for Security

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