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Future Developments

- 10.1 With the growing complexity of complaints against registered medical practitioners, members of the public expect greater accountability and transparency in dealing with the complaints from the Council. Within the medical profession, there are also discussions on ethical issues and expression of concerns over the standard and quality of medical practice which requires the Council's attention. Having said that, the Council will continue to improve its services to meet the changing needs from both the members of the public and the profession.
- 10.2 With regard to the Reform of the Medical Council, reform proposals have been forwarded to the Administration for consideration. In addition, the Council in May 2010 proposed to the Administration to increase the number of lay members in the Preliminary Investigation Committee (PIC) by adding a new category of the PIC members, which consists of 4 - 6 lay persons who are not members of the Council. One of these lay members will be rostered to sit in each PIC meeting. The proposal will introduce the necessary improvement to the PIC and also alleviate the workload of the lay Council members in the disciplinary proceedings of the Council. Amendments to the Medical Registration Ordinance and its subsidiary Regulations will have to be made to implement the proposals, if they are supported by the Administration.