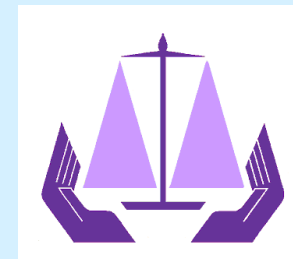


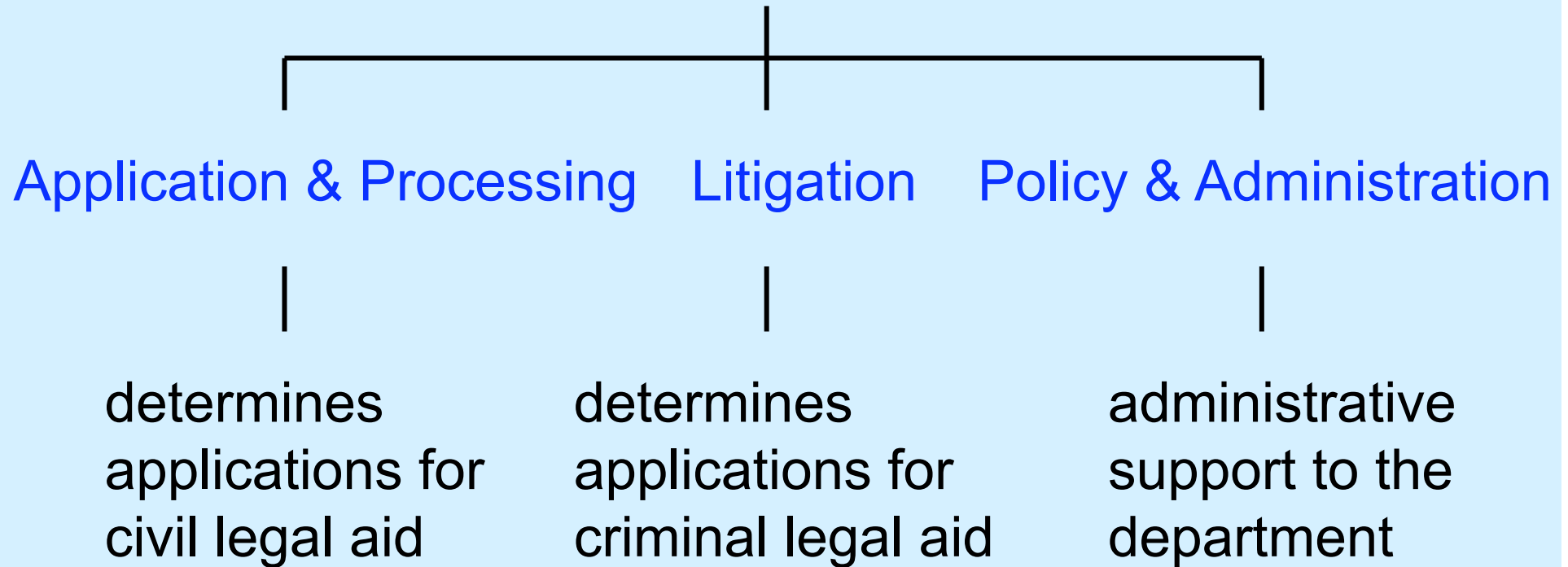
Legal Aid in Hong Kong

Paul Chan
Chairman
Legal Aid Services Council



Administration of Legal Aid

Legal Aid Department



Legal Aid Services Council

Chairman

Not a lawyer

Not connected with the practice of law

Not a public officer

4 lawyers

2 barristers and 2 solicitors

4 lay members

Not connected with the practice of law

and

Director of Legal Aid

Legal Aid Schemes in Hong Kong

- **Ordinary Legal Aid Scheme** : not exceeding HK \$105,700-
- **Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme** : between HK\$165,700- & HK\$460,300-
- **Criminal Legal Aid Scheme** : same as the Ordinary Legal Aid Scheme

Legal Aid Coverage

- 55% of households in Hong Kong under the Ordinary Legal Aid Scheme
- 70% of households under the Ordinary Legal Aid Scheme and Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme together

Caseload

2007 :19,363 applications
10,444 approved (54%)

2008 :18,727 applications
9,748 approved (52%)



Funding

Government funding for Ordinary Legal Aid Scheme and Criminal Legal Aid

Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme : self-financing

Expenditure

2007 : HK\$429M (US\$55M)

2008 : HK\$451M (US\$57.8M)



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