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**COURT CONSULTATION WITH RESPECT TO THE PROCESS OF
APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR COUNSEL**

1. The Chief Justice has informed me that it is proposed that, following the announcement of the successful candidates, the Chief Justice will be available to meet with the Chairman of the Bar Council to provide feedback with respect to the process of the appointment of the Senior Counsel with respect to the current year.
2. The meeting of the Chief Justice may assist the Chairman in providing feedback to applicants who wish to consult with the Chairman about the process for the selection of silk.
3. As a result, I will be available to consult with applicants after the announcement by the Chief Justice. However, it should not be expected that the Chief Justice will comment on the merits of individual applications or will disclose the results of the confidential enquiries with referees and other persons consulted. As the Chief Justice said in her media release of 12 September 2007 *“The key to the process is its confidentiality. Those I consult are able to speak to me about their assessment of a candidate with full frankness and candour.”*

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