

Panel's key suggestions



ENHANCING THE FAMILY JUSTICE SYSTEM

- Giving judges the power to reject unmeritorious and unnecessary applications.
 - Judges can conduct hearings based on filed papers without attendance of families or their counsel.
 - Reducing the number of ways to start proceedings with simpler Family Justice Rules.
 - Enforcement tools to increase compliance with child access orders.
- Parental education.
 - Co-mediation with a judge-mediator and court family specialist.
 - Compensation of certain expenses and lost access time.
 - Specialised therapeutic interventions.
 - Bond ordered to secure compliance.



MORE PROTECTION AND SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT MENTAL CAPACITY AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

- Simplified and more affordable deputyship application process.
- E-learning programme with assessment component for appointed and prospective deputies to better understand their role.
- Facilitate use of counselling and mediation for dispute resolution and to better support deputies who may face caregiver stress.
- Enhance the Office of the Public Guardian's supervision of deputies so that appropriate intervention can be undertaken for cases facing challenges.



MORE UPSTREAM SUPPORT FOR COUPLES CONSIDERING DIVORCE

- More self-help functions for existing Mandatory Parenting Programme.
- Consolidated online platform with access to pre-filing services and divorce-related information, such as housing and financial matters.
- Greater awareness of available and affordable counselling and mediation services before parties file for divorce.

