ANNEX B

PBSO SUPPORT SERVICES AND TRAINING

PBSO has made available a wide range of materials and support services to CLAS volunteers. The support services include:

- A personal research team assigned to the volunteer to quickly prepare legal research pertaining to the CLAS case under the Pro Bono Research Initiative (PBRI);
- A volunteer trial paralegal allocated upon request to attend and assist Assigned Counsel at trial;
- An Assistant Counsel assigned upon request to assist Assigned Counsel in the conduct of a particular CLAS case from beginning to end; and
- A senior criminal practitioner allocated upon request to Assigned Counsel to provide guidance on case strategy and the law in a particular CLAS case.

PBSO has also prepared a "CLAS PG Manual", a step by step guide on how to represent an accused person in a PG case. Volunteers can enquire with PBSO on how to avail themselves to these resources.

To develop the legal skills of volunteer lawyers, PBSO has also rolled out the CLAS Criminal Law Training Programme, which comprises 31 lectures on criminal defence advocacy. The lectures, which are all CPD accredited, are available to active CLAS volunteers either free of charge or at heavily subsidised rates. To find out more about the programme and register for the lectures, click <u>here</u>.