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**Paper for the House Committee meeting
on 1 December 2000**

Restructuring of Panels

Purpose

This paper invites members to endorse the proposed changes to the terms of reference of each of the 17 current Panels. It also seeks Members' agreement to the proposed terms of reference of the proposed Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene and the arrangements for Members to signify membership for the Panels concerned.

Proposed Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

2. At the House Committee meeting held on 20 October 2000, members decided that a new Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene should be set up to monitor Government policies relating to food safety and environmental hygiene.
3. At present, policy matters relating to food safety and environmental hygiene are under the purview of the Panel on Health Services and Panel on Environmental Affairs respectively. In drawing up the proposed terms of reference for the proposed Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene, the Secretariat has consulted the Administration and incorporated their suggestions in the present proposal.
4. It is suggested that, in addition to food safety and environmental hygiene, issues relating to agriculture and fisheries, hitherto covered by the Panel on Health Services, be brought within the purview of the proposed Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene. The resultant changes to the terms of reference of the Panel on Health Services and Panel on Environmental Affairs have the support of the two Panels.

Proposed changes to the terms of reference of existing Panels

5. At the House Committee meeting on 20 October 2000, members were consulted on a proposal to revise the terms of reference of existing Panels, taking into account the recent reshuffling of responsibilities among different Government bureaux and other technical amendments as suggested by the Secretariat. Members agreed that individual Panels should be invited to consider their respective terms of reference before they were recommended by the House Committee for the Council's approval. The round of meetings conducted for the purpose was completed in late November.

Proposals

Setting up of new Panel and other changes

6. As the Panels and the terms of reference of Panels require the approval of the Council, a resolution will have to be moved to effect the various changes as recommended by the House Committee. Subject to members' agreement, Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, Chairman of the House Committee, will move the resolution at the Legislative Council meeting on 20 December 2000. The draft wording of the resolution is in the **Appendix**.

Signification of memberships of Panels concerned

7. As regards signification of membership, it is proposed that all Members, except the President of the Council, be invited to signify membership for the proposed Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on or before 29 December 2000. In view of the reshuffling of the responsibilities of the Panel on Economic Services and the Panel on Commerce and Industry (currently known as the Panel on Trade and Industry), it is also proposed that membership of these two Panels be re-opened to Members. Any Members who wish to join these Panels should be allowed to do so, also on or before 29 December 2000.

Decision sought

8. Members are requested to endorse the proposed arrangements in paragraphs 6 and 7 above.

**RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE
HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION**

RESOLUTION

(Pursuant to Rule 77(1) and (2) of the Rules of Procedure of the
Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region)

RESOLVED that-

- (1) the formation of an additional Panel, namely the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene, in respect of the policy areas of the corresponding bureau and its terms of reference, as considered appropriate and as recommended respectively by the House Committee;
- (2) the amended list of corresponding bureaux/bodies and policy areas in respect of which the 17 existing Panels are formed by resolution made and passed by this Council on 8 July 1998 and amended on 26 January 2000 and their amended terms of reference, and the re-naming of the Panel on Trade and Industry as the Panel on Commerce and Industry, as recommended by the House Committee,

set out in the Schedule, be approved.

SCHEDULE

<u>Panel on</u>	<u>Corresponding Bureau/Body</u>	<u>Policy Area</u>	<u>Terms of Reference</u>
1. Manpower	Education and Manpower Bureau	Labour and manpower planning matters	Part 1
2. Commerce and Industry	Commerce and Industry Bureau	Matters relating to commerce, industry, business and services promotion, innovation and technology, intellectual property protection and inward investment promotion matters	Part 2
3. Public Service	Civil Service Bureau	Matters relating to the civil service and Government-funded public bodies, and other public service matters	Part 3
4. Administration of Justice and Legal Services	(a) Judiciary (b) Department of Justice (c) Administration Wing of the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office	Matters relating to the administration of justice and legal services	Part 4
5. Home Affairs	Home Affairs Bureau	District, community and rural matters, human rights, civic education, data protection, press freedom, building management, youth and women matters, the provision of leisure and cultural services as well as matters relating to development of arts	Part 5

<u>Panel on</u>	<u>Corresponding Bureau/Body</u>	<u>Policy Area</u>	<u>Terms of Reference</u>
		and culture, public entertainment, sport and recreation	
6. Transport	Transport Bureau	Transport matters	Part 6
7. Housing	Housing Bureau	Private and public housing matters	Part 7
8. Security	(a) Security Bureau (b) Independent Commission Against Corruption	Security, public order, public safety, corruption-related matters and nationality and immigration matters	Part 8
9. Constitutional Affairs	Constitutional Affairs Bureau	Matters relating to implementation of the Joint Declaration and the Basic Law, relations between the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and the Central People's Government and other Mainland authorities, electoral matters and district organizations	Part 9
10. Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene	Environment and Food Bureau	Matters relating to food safety, environmental hygiene and agriculture and fisheries	Part 10
11. Financial Affairs	(a) Finance Bureau (b) Financial Services Bureau	Financial and finance matters	Part 11
12. Education	Education and Manpower Bureau	Education matters	Part 12

<u>Panel on</u>	<u>Corresponding Bureau/Body</u>	<u>Policy Area</u>	<u>Terms of Reference</u>
13. Planning, Lands and Works	(a) Planning and Lands Bureau (b) Works Bureau	Lands, buildings and planning matters, works and water supply and Public Works Programme	Part 13
14. Welfare Services	Health and Welfare Bureau	Welfare and rehabilitation services matters	Part 14
15. Information Technology and Broadcasting	Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau	Matters relating to information technology, telecommunications, broadcasting and film services	Part 15
16. Economic Services	Economic Services Bureau	Matters relating to economic infrastructure and services, including air and sea transport facilities and services, postal and weather information services, energy supply and safety, consumer protection, competition policy and tourism	Part 16
17. Health Services	Health and Welfare Bureau	Medical and health services matters	Part 17
18. Environmental Affairs	Environment and Food Bureau	Environmental and conservation matters	Part 18

Part 1

Legislative Council Panel on Manpower

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to labour and manpower planning matters.
2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

Part 2

Legislative Council Panel on Commerce and Industry

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to commerce, industry, business and services promotion, innovation and technology, intellectual property protection and inward investment promotion matters.
2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

Part 3

Legislative Council Panel on Public Service

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to the civil service and Government-funded public bodies, and other public service matters.
2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

Part 4

Legislative Council Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine, consistent with maintaining the independence of the Judiciary and the rule of law, policy matters relating to the administration of justice and legal services, including the effectiveness of their implementation by relevant officials and departments.
2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

Part 5

Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to district, community and rural matters, human rights, civic education, data protection, press freedom, building management, youth and women matters, the provision of leisure and cultural services as well as matters relating to development of arts and culture, public entertainment, sport and recreation.
2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

Part 6

Legislative Council Panel on Transport

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to transport matters.
2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy area prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

Part 7

Legislative Council Panel on Housing

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to private and public housing matters.
2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

Part 8

Legislative Council Panel on Security

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to security, public order, public safety, corruption-related matters and nationality and immigration matters.
2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

Part 9

Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to implementation of the Joint Declaration and the Basic Law, relations between the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and the Central People's Government and other Mainland authorities, electoral matters and district organizations.
2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

Part 10

Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to food safety, environmental hygiene and agriculture and fisheries.
2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

Part 11

Legislative Council Panel on Financial Affairs

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to financial and finance matters.
2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

Part 12

Legislative Council Panel on Education

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to education matters.
2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy area prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

Part 13

Legislative Council Panel on Planning, Lands and Works

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to lands, buildings and planning matters, works and water supply and Public Works Programme.
2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

Part 14

Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to welfare and rehabilitation services matters.
2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

Part 15

Legislative Council Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to information technology, telecommunications, broadcasting and film services.
2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

Part 16

Legislative Council Panel on Economic Services

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to economic infrastructure and services, including air and sea transport facilities and services, postal and weather information services, energy supply and safety, consumer protection, competition policy and tourism.
2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
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5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

Part 17

Legislative Council Panel on Health Services

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to medical and health services.
2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

Part 18

Legislative Council Panel on Environmental Affairs

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to environmental and conservation matters.
2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
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