

Panel on Economic Services

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 22 June 2005)

**Proposed timing for
discussion**

Aviation, Logistics and Port development

1. Logistics services

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| (a) Digital Trade and Transportation Network System | 2nd half of 2005 |
| (b) The Panel would like to be briefed on the work of the Hong Kong Logistics Development Council and measures taken to promote logistics development in Hong Kong. | To be confirmed |

2. Aviation services

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| (a) Extension of aviation network to the Mainland | To be confirmed |
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The latest review of the Mainland/The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Air Services Arrangement was concluded on 8 September 2004.

According to the Administration, the new Arrangement provided a clear timetable for opening the Hong Kong/Mainland aviation market to more airlines and for expansion of capacity limits on individual routes. The limit on the total number of airlines allowed to participate in the market had been lifted immediately, while the number of routes that allowed "dual designation" by each side would be increased in phases, eventually covering all routes by winter 2006.

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| (b) "Co-location" of immigration and customs facilities at Hong Kong International Airport | To be confirmed |
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In order to enhance the competitiveness of the Hong Kong International Airport, views had been expressed that the Government should liaise with the Central People's Government and the relevant authorities with a view to implementing "co-location" of immigration and customs facilities at Hong Kong International Airport.

Proposed timing for discussion

At the Panel meeting on 24 January 2005, the Administration advised that co-location of immigration and customs facilities at cross-boundary control points involved complex legal and jurisdiction issues. There was no plan to provide co-location of immigration and customs facilities at SkyPlaza.

Energy

3. Reviews of the financial plans of the two power companies

The item was proposed by the Administration in the 2004-05 session.

To be confirmed

4. Future development of the electricity market in Hong Kong

At the meeting on 28 February 2005, it was agreed that the Panel would further discuss the subject at a future Panel meeting, at which the Administration should report to the Panel on the results of the Stage I consultation, which ended on 30 April 2005. An information paper was sent to ES Panel on 20 June 2005.

To be confirmed

Tourism

5. Development of new cruise terminal facilities in Hong Kong

Last discussed at the meeting on 28 June 2004.

To be confirmed

The Panel noted that the Administration was considering an open invitation for proposals from interested parties. The objective of the exercise would be to solicit innovative proposals which would enable the timely development of a cruise terminal, preferably in the core Harbour area, to meet the medium-term need. The Administration intended to launch the invitation of proposals exercise in the next few months with a view to signing a provisional agreement with the selected proponent in 2006.

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6. Development of golf courses and spa facilities

The Administration was requested to brief the Panel on the development of golf courses and spa facilities in Hong Kong.

To be confirmed

The Administration advised that it was already working on the initiative and has commissioned a consultancy study on spa and resort facilities.

7. Enhancement of public facilities at Ngong Ping

The item was proposed by the Administration in the 2003-04 session.

To be confirmed

The Administration would brief the Panel on the progress of the enhancement programme to improve public facilities at Ngong Ping.

8. Future Development of Ocean Park

At the meeting on 12 October 2004, members agreed to consider the future development of Ocean Park and to follow up on the \$500 million loan approved by the Finance Committee in 1999 for Ocean Park to improve its recreation and education facilities.

Scheduled for discussion on 27 June 2005

Others

9. Reconstruction of Sham Chung and Lai Chi Chong public piers

The item was proposed by the Administration in the 2003-04 session.

To be confirmed

The Administration would brief the Panel on the funding proposal relating to the reconstruction of Sham Chung and Lai Chi Chong public piers.

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discussion**

10. Tackling malpractices by unscrupulous traders

The item was proposed by the Administration in the 2004-05 session.

To be confirmed

11. Conditions for bulk airmail to Japan

The item was proposed by the Administration in the 2004-05 session.

To be confirmed

12. Review of branch post offices

The item was proposed by the Administration in the 2004-05 session.

To be confirmed