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**Proposed amendments to the House Rules regarding subcommittees and work plans of subcommittees**

**Purpose**

This paper invites Members to endorse the proposed amendments to the House Rules (HR) regarding the appointment, operation and servicing of subcommittees, and to note the work plans of subcommittees currently in operation and which have been appointed under the House Committee (HC) and Panels on policy issues or Council business other than subsidiary legislation, other instruments made under an Ordinance and proposed endorsement of senior judicial appointments (all "subcommittees" referred to below are such subcommittees unless otherwise stated).

**Background**

2. At its meeting on 2 March 2007, HC endorsed the recommendations of the Committee on Rules of Procedure (CRoP) on the new arrangements for the appointment, operation and servicing of such subcommittees. HC agreed to invite CRoP to draw up provisions in HR to implement the new arrangements for its consideration. Also, HC agreed to ask subcommittees currently in operation to provide their work plans and the time frame for completion of work to HC for information.

**Proposed amendments to HR**

3. CRoP considered the necessary amendments to HR at its meeting on 29 March 2007. To implement the new arrangements for the appointment, operation and servicing of subcommittees, CRoP recommends amendments to HR in **Appendix I** as follows -

- (a) Rule 20(j) sets out the two categories of subcommittees that may be appointed by HC. The first category as set out in (i) is on subsidiary legislation, other instruments made under an Ordinance, any draft of subsidiary legislation or such other instruments, and proposed endorsement of appointment or removal of senior judges. The second category as set out in (ii) is on issues of public concern which fall outside the purview of Panels, or any other matter relating to the business of the Council;
- (b) new rule 20(k) is added to provide, in relation to subcommittees that fall within the second category of subcommittees as described in rule 20(j)(ii), that the terms of reference of subcommittees should be issue-specific or project-specific; the relevant information which should be provided in proposing the appointment of such subcommittees; that a subcommittee should make a report to HC as soon as it has completed its work; and that the activation of such subcommittees is determined by HC in accordance with the mechanism set out in rule 26;
- (c) new rule 22(u) is added to apply the same requirements as proposed in new rule 20(k) to subcommittees appointed by Panels;
- (d) rule 25(a) is amended to provide that minutes of meetings of a subcommittee and a Bills Committee are usually in a condensed form as they will provide a report to HC or the relevant Panel(s) which appoint them; and
- (e) rule 26 is amended to set out the activation mechanism that applies to the second category of subcommittees appointed by HC as set out in proposed new rule 20(j)(ii) and subcommittees appointed by Panel(s) as set out in rule 22(s) and (t), and the general requirement that these subcommittees should complete their work within 12 months of their commencement. The details are as follows -
  - (i) proposed rule 26(a) provides that the total number of these subcommittees that may be in operation at any one time is eight;
  - (ii) proposed rule 26(b) provides that where the number of such subcommittees reaches eight, a queuing system will be activated with a waiting list formed. It further provides that where the number of Bills Committees in operation is less than the maximum number set out in rule

21(a) (currently at 16), HC may activate subcommittees on the waiting list after having considered factors set out in proposed rule 26(b)(i) to (iv);

- (iii) in relation to the operation of these subcommittees, proposed rule 26(c) provides that they should complete their work within 12 months of their commencement and the procedure that should follow if they consider it necessary to work beyond the 12-month period;
- (iv) proposed rule 26(d) makes it clear that the first category of subcommittees appointed by HC as described in rule 20(j)(i) are not subject to any restriction on the maximum number that may be in operation at any one time; and
- (v) proposed rule 26(e) provides that HC may lift the restriction in appropriate cases.

4. The opportunity is also taken to make some textual amendments to rule 22(s) and (t).

### **Work plans of subcommittees**

5. Currently, five subcommittees under HC and six subcommittees under Panels are in operation. The work plans of these subcommittees and the time frame for completion of their work are in **Appendix II**.

### **Advice sought**

6. Members are invited to endorse the proposed amendments to HR in Appendix I and note the work plans of subcommittees currently in operation in Appendix II.

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**Appointment, Operation and Servicing of Subcommittees**

**Proposed amendments to the House Rules**

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**20. House Committee**

(j) The House Committee may appoint a subcommittees to assist ~~in~~ the committee's consideration of -

(i) an item of ~~specific~~-subsidiary legislation, an instrument (which is not subsidiary legislation) made under an Ordinance, a draft of subsidiary legislation or such an instrument, or a proposed endorsement of the appointment or removal of senior judges made under the Basic Law; and

(ii) an issues of public concern which falls outside the purview of Panels or any other matter relating to the business of the Council.

(k) The following paragraphs apply to the appointment of subcommittees by the House Committee for purposes set out in (j)(ii) -

(i) their terms of reference shall be decided by the House Committee, and should be issue-specific or project-specific;

(ii) a proposal to appoint such subcommittees should contain sufficient information on the proposed terms of reference, time frame, work plan and extent of work involved in the study of the specific issue or project to facilitate consideration by the House Committee;

(iii) they may report to the House Committee at any time when they consider appropriate, but should do so as soon as they have completed their work; and

(iv) their activation is determined in accordance with the mechanism set out in rule 26.

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## 22. Panels

- (s) A Panel may ~~form-appoint~~ subcommittees to study specific issues ~~and report to the Panel~~. Members of the subcommittees shall consist of members of that Panel.
- (t) Two or more Panels may ~~form-appoint~~ joint subcommittees to study any matter of common interest to the relevant Panels ~~and report to the Panels~~. Only members of the relevant Panels may join the subcommittees. The quorum of a subcommittee so ~~formed-appointed~~ will be one-third of the membership of the subcommittee including the chairman (a fraction of the whole number being disregarded).
- (u) The following paragraphs apply to subcommittees appointed for purposes set out in (s) or joint subcommittees appointed for purposes set out in (t) -
  - (i) their terms of reference shall be decided by the Panel(s) concerned, and should be issue-specific or project-specific;
  - (ii) a proposal to appoint such subcommittees should contain sufficient information on the proposed terms of reference, time frame, work plan and extent of work involved in the study of the specific issue or project to facilitate consideration by the Panel(s) concerned;
  - (iii) they may report to the Panel(s) at any time when they consider appropriate, but should do so as soon as they have completed their work; and
  - (iv) their activation is determined in accordance with the mechanism set out in rule 26.
- ~~(uv)~~ Should any Panel consider it necessary to undertake any activities outside Hong Kong under the name of the Panel of the Council, the prior permission of the House Committee shall be sought. The decision of the House Committee shall be referred to The Legislative Council Commission for reference.
- ~~(vw)~~ A Panel shall make at least one report on its work to the Council in the session. If a particular matter is referred to a Panel for

study, or a Panel is authorized to summon persons concerned to testify or give evidence, the Panel shall make a report to the Council after it has completed its consideration. The method of tabling a report in the Council is provided in rule 2. A Panel may as required seek the views of the House Committee on a particular matter, or inform the House Committee of the contents of its study report.

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**25. Minutes of Meetings and Verbatim Records**

- (a) The clerk to a committee shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the committee in a manner determined by the committee. These minutes are usually taken to provide a detailed record of the deliberation of meetings. However, in the case of a Bills Committee or a subcommittee which will submit a report upon completion of its work, their minutes are usually taken in a condensed form.
- (b) Normally, verbatim records will not be made of the proceedings of a committee except in the case of an enquiry made under Rule 80 of the Rules of Procedure.
- (bc) For meetings at which representations from the public are received, members of the public will be asked to make submissions in writing, if possible before the meetings; otherwise they will be asked at the end of the meetings to put in writing the points they would like Members to take note of. Those who have put in written submissions prior to the meetings will also be provided with the opportunity to make further written submissions after the meetings on points not covered in the earlier submissions. The written submissions will then be circulated for members' reference.
- (ed) Minutes of meetings with the Administration and outside parties need not normally be cleared with them.
- (de) Notwithstanding (bc) and (ed) above, chairmen have discretion to decide whether the minutes or any part thereof should be shown to those who have attended the meetings with Members if, in the chairmen's opinion, it will facilitate the work of the committee.

- (ef) The draft minutes of a meeting will be confirmed at a subsequent meeting, or will be sent to members for consideration and will be taken as confirmed if members do not make any amendments on them before the deadline set for amendment.
- (fg) All meetings will be tape-recorded and the recording may be erased in one year's time unless directed otherwise by the respective committees.
- (gh) The minutes of meetings held in public are made available for inspection by the public at the Library or the Secretariat of the Council.

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**26. Activation and Operation of Subcommittees of the House Committee, Bills Committees or Panels**

- (a) Subject to (b) and (e), the maximum number of subcommittees appointed by the House Committee for purposes set out in rule 20(j)(ii) and subcommittees appointed by Panels for purposes set out in rule 22(s) or (t) that may be in operation at any one time is eight.
- (b) Where the number of subcommittees referred to in (a) has reached the maximum number provided in (a), a queuing system will automatically be activated with a waiting list formed. The order of subcommittees on the waiting list is in the order of their appointment. Where the number of Bills Committees in operation is less than that referred to in rule 21(a), the House Committee may activate subcommittees on the waiting list after having considered the following -
  - (i) the number of vacant slots for Bills Committees;
  - (ii) the number of bills likely to be introduced to the Council in the next three months;
  - (iii) the number of subcommittees already or likely to be appointed by the House Committee for purposes referred to in rule 20(j)(i) and by Bills Committees; and
  - (iv) the availability of resources in the Secretariat.

- (c) A subcommittee referred to in (a) should complete its work within 12 months of its commencement and report to the House Committee or the relevant Panel(s). Should such a subcommittee consider it necessary for it to work beyond that 12 months, the subcommittee should, after obtaining the endorsement of the relevant Panel(s) if it is appointed by a Panel(s), report to the House Committee and give justifications for an extension of the 12-month period.
- (d) There is no restriction on the maximum number of subcommittees appointed by the House Committee for purposes set out in rule 20(j)(i) that may be in operation at any one time.
- (e) Notwithstanding (a), (b) and (c), exceptions to these subrules may be made by the House Committee where it considers appropriate.
- (f) The practices and procedures set out in rules 20 to 25 shall apply, where appropriate, to subcommittees of the House Committee, Bills Committees or Panels (including joint subcommittees ~~formed~~ appointed by two or more Panels).

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**Work plans of  
subcommittees currently in operation  
(as at 18 April 2007)**

**Appendix      Subcommittees under the House Committee**

- II(a)      Subcommittee to Examine the Implementation in Hong Kong of Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Sanctions
- II(b)      Subcommittee to Study the Subject of Combating Poverty
- II(c)      Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to the Provision of Boarding Places, Senior Secondary Education and Employment Opportunities for Children with Special Educational Needs
- II(d)      Subcommittee on West Kowloon Cultural District Development
- II(e)      Subcommittee to Study the Transport Needs of and Provision of Concessionary Public Transport Fares for Persons with Disabilities

**Subcommittees under Panels**

- II(f)      Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways (Panel on Transport)
- II(g)      Subcommittee on Review of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme (Panel on Welfare Services)
- II(h)      Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Family Violence (Panel on Welfare Services)
- II(i)      Subcommittee to Follow Up the Outstanding Leisure and Cultural Services Projects of the Former Municipal Councils (Panel on Home Affairs)
- II(j)      Subcommittee to Review the Planning for the Central Waterfront (including the Tamar Site) (Panel on Planning, Lands and Works)
- II(k)      Subcommittee on Human Rights Protection Mechanisms (Panel on Home Affairs)

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**Subcommittee to Examine  
the Implementation in Hong Kong of  
Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Sanctions**

**Work Plan of the Subcommittee**

**Purpose**

This paper informs the House Committee of the work plan of the Subcommittee to Examine the Implementation in Hong Kong of Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Sanctions (the Subcommittee) and the time frame for completion of work. The work plan was noted and endorsed by the Subcommittee on 23 March 2007.

**Terms of Reference of the Subcommittee**

2. At its meeting on 15 April 2005, the Subcommittee adopted its Terms of Reference as follows :

"To examine the legal and constitutional issues arising from the current arrangements for implementing in Hong Kong resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to sanctions as provided under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) with reference to Regulations made under section 3 of the Ordinance."

**Proposed time-frame**

Current position

3. The Subcommittee was formed on 29 October 2004 to examine the current arrangements for implementing in Hong Kong the sanctions imposed through resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. It has held meetings with the Administration, considered the expert views submitted by Professor Yash GHAI of the University of Hong Kong and made reference to the Regulations made under section 3 of the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance

(Cap.537). The Subcommittee has prepared a draft report and forwarded it to the Administration on 9 February 2006 for consideration and comments by the Secretary for Justice (S for J).

4. Since the Administration's response to the issues raised by the Subcommittee was still outstanding, members agreed at the House Committee meeting on 25 January 2007 that the Chairman of the House Committee should raise the matter with the Chief Secretary for Administration (CS). CS has undertaken to convey the Subcommittee's concern for an early response to S for J.

Proposed time-frame for completion of work

5. The Administration has indicated in December 2006 that it would hope to give a substantive response before the end of March 2007. As the substantive part of the work of the Subcommittee has been completed, subject to receipt of the Administration's response and members' further views on how the various issues and recommendations are to be taken forward, the Subcommittee would aim to submit its report to the House Committee in May 2007.

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**Subcommittee to Study the Subject of Combating Poverty**

**Work plan of the Subcommittee**

**Purpose**

This paper informs the House Committee of the work plan of the Subcommittee to Study the Subject of Combating Poverty (the Subcommittee) and the time frame for completion of work. The work plan was endorsed by the Subcommittee on 8 March 2007.

**Terms of Reference of the Subcommittee**

2. The Terms of Reference of the Subcommittee are "To study the subject of combating poverty."

**Subcommittee's work plan**

3. The Subcommittee agreed that it would provide a report on each topic of study area after listening to the views of deputations and discussion with the Administration. The report will cover the views obtained, and the issues of concern and recommendations of the Subcommittee. The reports will be forwarded to the Administration for follow up.

4. At its meeting on 12 July 2005, the Subcommittee agreed to accord priority to the study of two topics, i.e. working poverty and women in poverty. The Report on Working Poverty and the Report on Women in Poverty were presented to the House Committee (HC) and debates were held on these reports at the Council meetings on 15 February and 5 July 2006 respectively.

5. The Subcommittee agreed at its meetings on 22 June and 9 November 2006 that the third and fourth study areas would be the elderly in poverty and the development of social enterprises in helping the unemployed and disadvantaged.

6. After completion of its work on the four selected areas of study, the Subcommittee would discuss the strategies to follow up with the Administration the progress made in implementing specific recommendations made by the Subcommittee.

### **Time frame for completion of outstanding work**

**(a) Study on the elderly in poverty** : to be completed by April/May 2007

7. In discussing the topic on elderly in poverty, the key issues studied by the Subcommittee include the situation of elderly in poverty in Hong Kong, the causes of elderly in poverty and problems faced by elders, and the measures to assist the needy elders.

8. The Subcommittee will hold a further meeting in April 2007 to discuss the draft report on elderly in poverty. Subject to members' views on the draft report, the Subcommittee will present the report to HC in April/May 2007. The Subcommittee will also consider making a proposal to HC for moving a motion on the subject matter at the Council meeting.

**(b) Study on the development of social enterprises in Hong Kong** : to be completed by November/December 2007

9. The major areas of work and time frame are as follows –

- (i) Collating of background information such as preparation of background brief, research studies, meetings to receive views from deputations, and discussion on the subject matter (May/June to July 2007)
- (ii) Duty visit to study the overseas experience in August 2007 to facilitate the study on the subject matter
- (iii) Drafting of reports on the development of social enterprises and the overseas duty visit, and discussion on the draft reports (September to November/December 2007)
- (iv) Presentation of the reports to HC in November/December 2007 and proposal for moving of motion on the subject matter at Council meeting.

10. The key issues to be studied by the Subcommittee will include : the study of social enterprise development in Hong Kong, the problems faced by the sector, Government's policy in providing its support for social enterprise development, overseas experience in promoting social enterprise development,

the potential for development of social enterprise in Hong Kong, and enhancement of measures to create an enabling environment for such development.

(c) **Overall review of the Subcommittee's work** : to be completed by April 2008

11. The Subcommittee will meet with the Administration in January to April 2008 to discuss the implementation of the recommendations made in the Subcommittee's four reports relating to working poverty, women in poverty, elderly in poverty and the development of social enterprises.

(d) **Subcommittee's final report** : to be completed by June 2008

12. The Subcommittee will prepare its final report which will focus on the Administration's implementation of the specific recommendations made by the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will complete its work upon presentation of the final report to HC in June 2008.

#### **Advice sought**

13. Members are invited to note the Subcommittee's work plan and the time frame for completion of work.

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**Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to the Provision of  
Boarding Places, Senior Secondary Education and Employment  
Opportunities for Children with Special Educational Needs**

**Work plan of the Subcommittee**

**Purpose**

This paper informs the House Committee of the work plan of the Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to the Provision of Boarding Places, Senior Secondary Education and Employment Opportunities for Children with Special Educational Needs and the time frame for completion of work. The work plan was endorsed by the Subcommittee on 26 March 2007.

**Terms of reference of the Subcommittee**

2. The terms of reference of the Subcommittee are "To study issues relating to the provision of boarding places, senior secondary education and employment opportunities for children with special educational needs (SEN)".

**The Subcommittee's work plan**

3. The Subcommittee was set up on 14 January 2005 and has agreed to study the following subjects:

- (a) new senior secondary academic structure for special schools;
- (b) post-secondary education for students with SEN under the new senior secondary academic structure;
- (c) implementation of integrated education in primary and secondary schools;
- (d) education for students with specific learning disabilities;
- (e) boarding service for students with SEN; and
- (f) employment opportunities for students with SEN.

4. At the end of the 2005-2006 session, the Subcommittee reviewed the progress of its work and endorsed a work plan to study the outstanding issues in relation to each of the above subjects. The plan of the Subcommittee then was to complete its study and submit a report to the House Committee before the end of the 2006-2007 session.

#### **Updated time frame for completion of outstanding work**

5. Having reviewed the progress of its work and in the light of the discussion in the past few months, the Subcommittee considers it necessary to adjust its work plan. The updated work plan and time frame for completing the outstanding work are set out below.

(a) **Study on post-secondary education for students with SEN under the new senior secondary academic structure** : to be completed by April 2007

6. The Subcommittee has scheduled a meeting on 23 April 2007 to examine opportunities provided to students with SEN to pursue tertiary education and measures to enhance their access to university education under the new senior secondary academic structure to be implemented in the 2009-2010 school year.

(b) **Study on the implementation of integrated education in primary and secondary schools** : to be completed by May 2007

7. At the meeting of the Subcommittee on 22 January 2007, members passed a motion urging the Administration to introduce with effect from the 2007-2008 school year a series of measures to overcome the difficulties encountered by schools in implementing integrated education. These measures include, among others, encouraging professional division of labour in schools to develop expertise in handling students with one to two types of SEN, adopting the principle of "funding following the student" for autistic and hyperactive children, and extending the new funding model for primary schools to secondary schools in implementing integrated education. The Administration has been requested to provide a written response on the motion. The Subcommittee will discuss the Administration's response in May 2007.

(c) **Study on boarding service for students with SEN** : to be completed by June/July 2007

8. At the Subcommittee's meeting on 26 February 2007, members expressed grave concern about the absence of residential respite service for children with SEN aged under 15. Since members had reiterated their concern to the Administration on many occasions but to no avail, members

decided to take up the matter with the Chief Secretary for Administration, the Secretary for Education and Manpower and the Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food. On behalf of the Subcommittee, the Chairman wrote to the officials concerned on 28 February 2007, requesting a response in three months' time. The Subcommittee will discuss the Administration's response once available.

**(d) Study on new senior secondary academic structure for special schools** : to be completed by October 2007

9. The major outstanding issue to be tackled is the number of year of basic education for students with intellectual disability. Under the new senior secondary academic structure, students with physical disability or hearing impairment will continue to be provided with 10-year basic education, i.e. six-year primary education and four-year junior secondary education. However, basic education for students with intellectual disability will be reduced from 10 to nine years. Members consider such an arrangement discriminating against students with intellectual disability and are pursuing the matter with the Administration.

**(e) Subcommittee's report** : to be completed by November/December 2007

10. After the completion of the study on the various subjects, the Subcommittee will submit its report to the House Committee before the end of 2007.

### **Advice sought**

11. Members are invited to note the work plan of the Subcommittee and the time frame for completion of work.

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**Subcommittee on West Kowloon Cultural District Development**

**Work plan of the Subcommittee**

**Purpose**

This paper informs the House Committee of the work plan of the Subcommittee on West Kowloon Cultural District Development (the Subcommittee) and the time frame for completion of work. The work plan was endorsed by the Subcommittee on 13 April 2007.

**Terms of reference of the Subcommittee**

2. The Subcommittee was set up by the House Committee on 21 January 2005 to study and follow up issues relating to the development of West Kowloon Cultural District. The terms of reference of the Subcommittee are as follows --

"To study and follow up issues relating to the development of West Kowloon Cultural District including its interface with arts and cultural development, land use and planning, environmental considerations, financing implications and arrangements, and other related matters."

**Work progress of the Subcommittee**

3. The Subcommittee submitted two reports to the House Committee on its Phase I and Phase II study on 6 July 2005 and 6 January 2006 respectively. On 8 February 2006, the Council endorsed the two reports of the Subcommittee upon a relevant motion moved by Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, Chairman of the Subcommittee.

4. At the Subcommittee meeting on 21 February 2006, the Chief Secretary for Administration announced that the Government would not further pursue the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) under the Invitation for Proposals (IFP) process, but would take forward the WKCD project in full speed under a new

approach. Since then, the Subcommittee has held four open meetings to discuss the progress of the work on the WKCD project and to receive relevant views from interested groups and individuals.

5. After internal deliberations at two meetings in January and February 2007, the Subcommittee came up with a position statement setting out the consensus views of the Subcommittee on the Government's current approach in taking forward the WKCD project. The Subcommittee submitted a progress report and the position statement to the House Committee on 9 March 2007. Thereafter, the Chairman of the Subcommittee sent the position statement to the Chief Secretary for Administration requesting that the Consultative Committee take heed of the Subcommittee's views before it concludes its findings, and that the Subcommittee be provided with a detailed work plan of the Administration in respect of the WKCD project.

### **The Subcommittee's work plan**

6. As the Subcommittee has agreed that its future work will focus on monitoring the Administration's work in taking forward the WKCD project, the Subcommittee's work plan would thus need to dovetail that of the Administration, the details of which however are not yet available. Notwithstanding this, having regard to the nature of the WKCD project and past relevant indications of the Administration, the Subcommittee's work in the coming 12 months would focus on the following aspects of the project --

- (a) the planning and development parameters for the WKCD site;
- (b) the arts and cultural facilities to be provided in WKCD;
- (c) the financial implications of and financial arrangements for developing and operating the confirmed arts and cultural facilities in WKCD; and
- (d) the establishment of a statutory body and a provisional overseeing body in the interim to oversee the implementation of the project.

7. The next meeting of the Subcommittee will probably be held in April 2007 to discuss the way forward for the WKCD project with the Administration, including the Administration's work plan with an indicative timetable. The Subcommittee will schedule the subsequent meetings having regard to the relevant developments, and will invite views from interested groups and individuals on specific issues when appropriate.

### **Proposed time frame for completion of work**

8. Having regard to the fact that the WKCD project is still at the planning stage and a masterplan for its implementation is unlikely to be finalized within the next 12 months, it is not envisaged that the Subcommittee can complete its work before June 2008.

9. The Subcommittee will submit progress reports to the House Committee at suitable junctures, such as when the WKCD project is about to proceed to a new strategic stage and thus there is a need for the Subcommittee to consolidate its views on certain aspects for consideration by the Administration and for the public's information. In any event, the Subcommittee will submit an end-of-term work report to the House Committee in June 2008.

### **Advice sought**

10. Members are invited to note the Subcommittee's work plan and the time frame for completion of work.

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**Subcommittee to Study the Transport Needs of and Provision of  
Concessionary Public Transport Fares for Persons with Disabilities**

**Work plan of the Subcommittee**

**Purpose**

This paper informs the House Committee of the work plan of the Subcommittee to Study the Transport Needs of and Provision of Concessionary Public Transport Fares for Persons with Disabilities (the Subcommittee) and the time frame for completion of work. The work plan was endorsed by the Subcommittee on 12 April 2007.

**Terms of Reference of the Subcommittee**

2. At its meeting on 18 November 2005, the House Committee agreed to set up the Subcommittee. The terms of reference of the Subcommittee are as follows:

- (a) To study the transport needs of persons with disabilities (PwDs) and explore feasible options to meet such needs; and
- (b) To explore feasible options to provide concessionary public transport fares for PwDs.

**Work progress of the Subcommittee**

3. Since its establishment in December 2005, the Subcommittee has held nine meetings and focused its deliberations on issues related to the provision of concessionary public transport fares (CPTFs) for persons with disabilities (PwDs). The Subcommittee has met with PwD groups to understand their aspirations in this area, and met with the Administration as well as public transport operators (PTOs) urging them to explore feasible CPTF schemes for PwDs. Input from the Equal Opportunities Commission was also sought in identifying various possible CPTF schemes having regard to the Disability Discrimination Ordinance (DDO) (Cap. 487).

4. While the Subcommittee is of the view that CPTFs should aim at covering all PwD groups as far as practicable, it has agreed with the disabled community on the approach of offering CPTFs to recipients of Disability Allowance or Comprehensive Social Security Assistance with 100% loss of earning capacity in the first instance. The Administration has also agreed to amend DDO to put it beyond doubt that selective provision of CPTFs to certain groups of PwDs would not constitute a contravention of DDO. The related work is in progress.

5. With a view to gaining a better understanding of the general travelling behaviour of PwDs and the financial implications of possible CPTF schemes for the above two groups of PwDs on PTOs, the Administration commissioned the Social Sciences Research Centre of the University of Hong Kong to conduct a consultancy study (the Study) in September and October 2006 on the travelling characteristics of these PwDs. The findings of the Study indicate provision of CPTFs to these PwDs would bring additional revenue to PTOs. The Subcommittee examined the findings of the Study, and met with PTOs and PwD groups to follow up the matter at meetings in January and February 2007. In the light of the findings, the Subcommittee has strongly urged PTOs and the Administration to provide CPTFs to PwDs under the principle of shared responsibility and called on the two parties to implement a trial CPTF scheme with reference to the Study to assess viability of CPTF schemes.

### **The Subcommittee's work plan**

6. The Subcommittee plans to focus its works on the following areas in the coming months:

#### Provision of concessionary public transport fares for persons with disabilities

7. The Subcommittee will continue to pursue with the Administration and PTOs in exploring feasible options for providing CPTFs to PwDs.

#### Transport needs of persons with disabilities

8. The Subcommittee will commence work in studying the transport needs of PwDs. The major aspects are as follows:

##### *(a) New transportation services to PwDs*

The Subcommittee will explore new mode of transport services to facilitate PwDs, such as wheelchair accessible taxis. In this connection, the Research and Library Services Division of the Legislative Council Secretariat will conduct studies on wheelchair

accessible taxi services in selected overseas places.

*(b) Improvement of existing transportation services to PwDs provided by the Administration and voluntary agencies*

The Subcommittee will explore ways to enhance the existing transportation services to PwDs run by the Administration and voluntary agencies.

*(c) Enhancement of the accessibility of public transport facilities to PwDs*

The Subcommittee will discuss with the Administration and PTOs on enhancement measures to improve traffic facilities and public transport facilities for PwDs to enable them to have easy access to all major public transport facilities.

**Proposed time frame for completion of work**

9. In view that discussion with the Administration and PTOs is still underway in the hope of achieving the provision of CPTFs for PwDs and the Subcommittee has yet to commence deliberation on the subject of transport needs of PwDs, it is envisaged that the Subcommittee will continue with its work for another ten months. The Subcommittee aims to report to the House Committee in the first quarter of 2008.

**Advice sought**

10. Members are invited to note the Subcommittee's work plan and the time frame for completion of work.

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**Panel on Transport**

**Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways**

**Work plan of the Subcommittee**

**Purpose**

This paper informs the House Committee of the work plan of the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways formed under the Panel on Transport (the Panel) and the time frame for completion of work which have been endorsed by the Subcommittee on 30 March 2007.

**Terms of Reference of the Subcommittee**

2. The Panel of the third term of the Legislative Council decided at its meeting on 12 October 2004 to set up a subcommittee to monitor issues relating to railway planning, implementation and operation, similar to the one set up by the Panel in the previous term. The Terms of Reference of the Subcommittee are given in **Annex I**.

**Subcommittee's work plan**

Railway planning and implementation

3. Based on the first Railway Development Strategy formulated in 1994 and the new Railway Development Strategy 2000 endorsed by the Chief Executive-in-Council in May 2000, the following component schemes have been identified to meet the railway network expansion needs up to the year 2016:

<b>Railway project</b>	<b>Present status</b>
(a) MTR Tseung Kwan O Line	commissioned in August 2002
(b) West Rail	commissioned in December 2003
(c) East Rail Extension from Hung Hom to Tsim Sha Tsui	commissioned in October 2004
(d) Ma On Shan to Tai Wai Rail Link	commissioned in December 2004
(e) Disneyland Resort Line	commissioned in August 2005
(f) Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line	under construction for commissioning in 2007
(g) Kowloon Southern Link	under construction for commissioning in 2009
(h) MTR Tseung Kwan O Extension (Phase II)	under construction for commissioning in 2009
(i) Shatin to Central Link	under planning
(j) West Island Line	under planning
(k) South Island Line	under planning
(l) Northern Link	under planning
(m) Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link	under planning
(n) North Island Line	under planning
(o) Port Rail Line	under planning

4. As the actual implementation timing of railway projects being planned will be subject to detailed studies on engineering feasibility and financial viability, the Subcommittee will need to monitor the progress of the related work to ensure the timely delivery of railway infrastructure to meet the transport needs of the travelling public.

#### Railway operation

5. Following the commissioning of new railway lines, the Subcommittee will need to address various problems identified during the initial stage of operation, and discuss with the Administration and the two railway corporations on measures to enhance the performance and safety of railway services.

#### **Time frame for completion of work**

6. In considering the number of new railway projects in the pipeline and the need to monitor the performance of new railway lines during the initial stage of operation, it is not envisaged that the Subcommittee can complete its work before June 2008. Whilst the future of the Subcommittee will be a matter for the fourth term of the Legislative Council to decide, the

Subcommittee agrees that it will continue to meet regularly until June 2008 to follow up the related matters.

7. The Subcommittee will submit a progress report on its work to the Panel at the end of the legislative sessions in 2007 and 2008. The Subcommittee may also submit a report to the Panel when it has completed its work relating to the review of a particular railway incident, or an important aspect of railway planning and operation.

**Advice sought**

8. Members are invited to note the work plan of the Subcommittee and the time frame for completion of work.

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**Panel on Transport**

**Subcommittee on matters relating to railways**

**Terms of Reference**

To follow up various issues relating to the planning and implementation of new railway projects, and the operation of existing railways as follows:

Planning and implementation of new railway projects

- (a) planning and financing of new railway projects;
- (b) environmental impact assessment of new railway projects;
- (c) resumption of land arising from the implementation of new railway projects under the Railways Ordinance (Cap. 519);
- (d) progress update on the implementation of new railway projects;
- (e) provision of supporting public infrastructure for new railway projects; and
- (f) co-ordination of public transport services arising from the commissioning of new railway lines.

Railway operation

- (a) performance of existing railway lines including train service performance and safety management;
- (b) maintenance programme; and
- (c) train service disruptions and breakdowns, and arrangements for handling emergency situations.

Matters relating to the two railway corporations in respect of their merger feasibility, corporate governance and fares should be dealt with by the Transport Panel.

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**Panel on Welfare Services**

**Subcommittee on Review of the  
Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme**

**Work plan of the Subcommittee**

**Purpose**

This paper informs the House Committee of the work plan of the Subcommittee on Review of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme (the Subcommittee) and the time frame for completion of work. The work plan was endorsed by the Subcommittee on 2 April 2007.

**Terms of Reference of the Subcommittee**

2. At its meeting on 17 December 2004, the Subcommittee adopted its Terms of Reference as follows –

"To review the existing arrangements for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance and the Social Security Allowance Schemes, taking into consideration the views of the public, service users and non-governmental organisations providing welfare services."

The Terms of Reference were endorsed by the Panel on Welfare Services (the Panel) at its meeting on 10 January 2005.

**Work progress**

3. Since its appointment in December 2004, the Subcommittee has held a total of 17 meetings up to March 2007 to discuss various issues relating to the existing arrangements under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme. The major issues studied by the Subcommittee are as follows –

- (a) eligibility criteria for CSSA and the difficulties faced by the applicants arising from such requirements;
- (b) adequacy of the standard payment rates in meeting the basic needs of various categories of recipients;
- (c) provision of special grants to meet the specific needs of different categories of CSSA recipients;
- (d) evaluation study of the Intensive Employment Assistance Projects for CSSA and near-CSSA recipients; and
- (e) revised arrangements for single parent CSSA recipients, i.e. the implementation of the New Dawn Project.

The Subcommittee has also received views from deputations on the subject matters.

### **Subcommittee's work plan**

4. The Subcommittee plans to hold further meetings between April 2007 and March 2008 to examine the following key issues –

- (a) Provision of special grants

The Subcommittee will examine how far the provision of special grants are able to meet the specific needs of different categories of CSSA recipients, in particular whether grant should be provided for able-bodied CSSA recipients to cover the costs of dental treatment and whether grant for children to cover school related expenses are adequate to cover the miscellaneous and minor one-off expenses such as charges for internet service.

- (b) Residence requirement

The Subcommittee will examine in what manner the pre-application one-year-continuous-residence requirement has imposed difficulties on the CSSA applicants, and how the problem can be resolved.

- (c) Difficulties faced by the poor elderly in applying for CSSA

The Subcommittee will continue to discuss with the Administration ways to alleviate the difficulties faced by the poor elderly in applying for CSSA. The Subcommittee will look into

the feasibility of extending the Portable CSSA Scheme for elderly persons retiring to provinces in the Mainland other than Guangdong and Fujian, waiving the requirement of non-provision of statement of financial support, and accepting applications from the elderly on an individual basis.

(d) Calculation of assets of CSSA applicants

The Subcommittee will discuss with the Administration the rationale for including insurance policies in the calculation of assets for applying for CSSA.

(e) Evaluation study of the Intensive Employment Assistance Project for CSSA and near-CSSA recipients

The Subcommittee has requested the Administration to respond to the 10 main recommendations made in the evaluation study before implementing any recommendations. The Subcommittee will monitor the developments including the implementation plan of the recommendations.

(f) Arrangements for single parent CSSA recipients

The Subcommittee has requested the Administration to report on the review findings of the implementation of the New Dawn Project. The Subcommittee will study the review outcome and the Administration's proposed way forward.

(g) Assistance and support for persons leaving the CSSA net

The Subcommittee will examine how far the provision of temporary housing and medical assistance and support for persons leaving the CSSA net would assist the CSSA recipients to move from welfare to self-reliance.

(h) Review of the CSSA standard payment rates

The Subcommittee has requested the Administration to provide information on the items of goods and services covered by the CSSA standard payment rates. The Subcommittee will continue to study whether the standard payment rates under the CSSA Scheme are adequate to meet the basic needs of different categories of CSSA recipients.

**Time frame for completion of outstanding work**

5. The Subcommittee will hold meetings on a monthly basis until March 2008 and will present a report to the Panel in May 2008.

**Advice sought**

6. Members are invited to note the Subcommittee's work plan and the time frame for completion of work.

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13 April 2007

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**Panel on Welfare Services**

**Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Family Violence**

**Work plan of the Subcommittee**

**Purpose**

This paper informs the House Committee of the work plan of the Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Family Violence (the Subcommittee) and the time frame for completion of work which have been endorsed by the Subcommittee by circulation.

**Terms of reference of the Subcommittee**

2. The Subcommittee was formed by the Panel on Welfare Services on 8 November 2004 "To examine ways on improving the existing strategy and measures to tackle family violence, taking into consideration the views of non-governmental organisations providing welfare services, other concerned groups and the public".

**Issues previously discussed by the Subcommittee**

3. Issues previously discussed are as follows -
- (a) recommendations of the Review Panel on Family Services in Tin Shui Wai (TSW), the Hong Kong University's study on child and spousal abuse and the Coroner's Court on the TSW incident;
  - (b) district welfare planning mechanism, including the Kwun Tong Concourse and the District Liaison Groups on Domestic Violence;

- (c) town planning to meet district needs;
- (d) centralised mechanism on family violence;
- (e) improvement measures of the Police on handling family violence;
- (f) proposed amendments to the Domestic Violence Ordinance; and
- (g) housing assistance to victims of family violence.

### **Subcommittee's work plan**

4. The Subcommittee will hold its next meeting on 23 April 2007 and will meet regularly thereafter until May 2008 to complete its work as set out below. The Subcommittee will present a report to the Panel on Welfare Services in June 2008.

#### May/June 2007

- Risk assessment tools for spouse battering and child abuse;
- Strategies for prevention of domestic violence;

#### October/November 2007

- Review of the improvement measures on handling domestic violence by the Police;
- Prosecution of abusers;

#### December 2007/January 2008

- Review of shelter service;
- Review of the central coordinating mechanism on domestic violence;

#### February/March 2008

- Streamlining of application for injunction order;
- Establishment of a specialised domestic violence court; and

April/May 2008

- Review of the batterer intervention programme.

**Advice sought**

5. Members are invited to note the work plan and the time frame for completion of work of the Subcommittee.

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**Panel on Home Affairs**

**Subcommittee to Follow Up the Outstanding Leisure and  
Cultural Services Projects of the Former Municipal Councils**

**Work plan of the Subcommittee**

**Purpose**

This paper informs the House Committee of the work plan of the Subcommittee to Follow Up the Outstanding Leisure and Cultural Services Projects of the Former Municipal Councils (the Subcommittee) and the time frame for completion of work which have been endorsed by the Subcommittee by circulation.

**The Subcommittee**

2. In his 2005 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that the Government had initially identified 25 leisure and cultural services (LCS) projects for priority treatment after having reviewed outstanding projects of the former municipal councils (ex-MCs). When the Panel on Home Affairs discussed the review of these outstanding projects of ex-MCs at its meeting on 21 March 2005, members expressed disappointment at the delay in the implementation schedule of these projects. The Panel decided to set up a subcommittee to monitor the Administration's work with a view to expediting the implementation schedule of the outstanding LCS projects of ex-MCs.

3. The Terms of Reference of the Subcommittee are "To monitor the Government in following up the outstanding leisure and cultural services projects of the former municipal councils and implementing other relevant projects." This Terms of Reference were endorsed by the Panel on Home Affairs at its meeting on 13 May 2005.

4. Since its appointment in May 2005, the Subcommittee has held eight meetings to discuss with the Administration the implementation schedule of the 139 outstanding LCS projects of ex-MCs. The Subcommittee has received views from District Councils at two of these meetings. The Subcommittee

has also held a discussion with representatives of professional bodies in the construction sector on possible measures to rationalise the procedures and shorten the lead time for implementing these LCS projects.

### **Subcommittee's work plan**

5. The Subcommittee notes that a steering committee co-chaired by the Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs and the Permanent Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works (Works) has been established to oversee the implementation of LCS projects, and to explore ways to expedite their implementation. At the Subcommittee's request, the Administration has undertaken to report to the Subcommittee on a regular basis, about once every three months, on the progress made in expediting the implementation of LCS projects (including the ex-MC and new projects).

6. The Subcommittee plans to focus its work on the following major areas in the coming 12 months:

(a) Measures to expedite the implementation of LCS projects

The Subcommittee will request the Administration to report on the achievements made by the Steering Committee in expediting the implementation of LCS projects. The Subcommittee will also discuss with the Administration measures to expedite the implementation of these projects, including possible relaxation of the plot ratio requirement and enhancement of inter-departmental co-ordination during the implementation process.

(b) Implementation schedule of the 25 priority projects

The Subcommittee will continue to monitor the implementation progress of the 25 priority projects for which the Administration has agreed to adopt a fast-tracked programme.

(c) Planning work and implementation schedule of another 21 LCS projects

Among the 139 ex-MC projects, over 30 projects have either been completed, under implementation or with funding earmarked. The Administration has reviewed the 74 outstanding LCS projects which have not been accorded priority and has agreed to proceed with the planning work for 19 of these projects and two new projects, and adopt the fast-tracked programme for these 21 LCS projects. The Subcommittee will monitor closely the planning work for these 21 LCS projects to ensure their timely delivery to meet the needs of the community.

(d) Review on the priorities of the remaining 55 projects

The Administration has undertaken to conduct annual reviews with District Councils to examine the priorities of the remaining 55 projects. The Subcommittee will study the review outcome having regard to the views of District Councils and monitor development.

(e) Implementation of new LCS projects

The Subcommittee notes that, apart from implementing the outstanding LCS projects of ex-MCs, the Administration will identify new projects to cope with the changing needs of the community. The Subcommittee will oversee the overall position of the implementation of LCS projects to ensure that LCS facilities are adequately provided at district level.

**Time frame for completion of outstanding work**

7. The Subcommittee will hold its next meeting in early May 2007 and will meet regularly thereafter until April 2008 in order to achieve the above objectives. The Subcommittee will present a report to the Panel on Home Affairs in June 2008.

**Advice sought**

8. Members are invited to note the work plan and the time frame for completion of work of the Subcommittee.

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**Panel on Planning, Lands and Works**

**Subcommittee to Review the Planning for the  
Central Waterfront (including the Tamar Site)**

**Work plan of the Subcommittee**

**Purpose**

This paper informs the House Committee of the work plan of the Subcommittee to Review the Planning for the Central Waterfront (including the Tamar Site) (the Subcommittee) and the time frame for completion of work. The work plan was endorsed by the Subcommittee on 16 April 2007.

**Terms of reference of the Subcommittee**

2. The Subcommittee was formed in January 2006 pursuant to a relevant motion<sup>1</sup> passed by the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works (the Panel) on 17 December 2005. The terms of reference of the Subcommittee are "To review the planning for the Central waterfront (including the Tamar site)".

**Work progress of the Subcommittee**

3. During the first few months after its formation in January 2006, the Subcommittee had focused its deliberations on issues directly related to the Tamar development project. The Subcommittee submitted a written report to the Panel in late April 2006 to facilitate the latter's deliberation on the funding proposal for the Tamar development project.

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<sup>1</sup> The terms of the motion are "That, in view of the importance of the Central waterfront to the future of Hong Kong, and the Government's undertaking to develop Hong Kong into a world class city and provide a vibrant and beautiful Central waterfront for the enjoyment of the community, this Panel urges the Government to comply with the recommendations made by the Town Planning Board on 5 August 2005 and the motion passed by this Panel on 25 October 2005 by reviewing afresh the current Tamar development project and the planned land uses for the Central waterfront, and consulting the public before taking forward any further project and planning work, and also suspending the tender procedure relating to the development of the Tamar site pending the review and public consultation; and that this Panel shall establish a subcommittee to review the planning for the Central waterfront (including the development of the Tamar site)."

4. Subsequent to the approval of the Tamar development project by the Finance Committee on 23 June 2006, the Subcommittee held two meetings in October 2006 and March 2007 to discuss with the Administration the following subject matters --

- (a) the Central Reclamation Urban Design Study<sup>2</sup>; and
- (b) Planning for the Comprehensive Development Area adjoining Central Piers No. 4 to No. 6 and the commercial site to the north of Two International Finance Centre.

### **The Subcommittee's work plan**

5. The Subcommittee plans to focus its work on the following major areas in the coming 12 months --

#### The Central Reclamation Urban Design Study

According to the Administration, the study is scheduled to commence in the second quarter of 2007 for completion in end 2007/early 2008. The Subcommittee will receive briefings by the Administration on the progress of the study, and where appropriate, will meet with interested groups and individuals to listen to their views.

#### Planning issues related to the Tamar development project

The tender process of the project is underway. On the premise of not affecting the integrity and fairness of the tender process, the Subcommittee will discuss with the Administration planning issues related to the Tamar development project.

6. The Subcommittee will probably hold its next meeting within the second quarter of 2007 and will schedule the subsequent meetings having regard to the relevant developments. The Subcommittee aims at completing its work in April 2008 with the presentation of a report to the Panel.

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<sup>2</sup> According to the Administration, the Central Reclamation Urban Design Study is proposed in response to the request of the Town Planning Board in August 2005. Details on the background to the study, the study objectives, study area, main tasks, major deliverables and the study programme are set out in the paper LC Paper No. CB(1)2219/05-06(01) issued to Subcommittee members on 18 September 2006.

**Advice sought**

7. Members are invited to note the Subcommittee's work plan and the time frame for completion of work.

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**Panel on Home Affairs**

**Subcommittee on Human Rights Protection Mechanisms**

**Work plan of the Subcommittee**

**Purpose**

This paper informs the House Committee of the work plan of the Subcommittee on Human Rights Protection Mechanisms (the Subcommittee) and the time frame for completion of work which have been endorsed by the Subcommittee by circulation.

**The Subcommittee**

2. When the Panel on Home Affairs examined the existing human rights protection mechanisms in Hong Kong at its meeting on 9 February 2007, some members were of the view that the existing mechanisms were far from satisfactory. They expressed disappointment at the Administration's repeated refusal of setting up a human rights commission in Hong Kong for the promotion and protection of human rights, despite the recommendations made by the United Nations Human Rights Committee and the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights respectively. The Panel decided to set up a subcommittee with the following terms of reference -

- (a) to monitor and examine the operation and effectiveness of existing institutional framework for promotion and protection of human rights in Hong Kong;
- (b) to examine possible means for enhancement of the effectiveness of the institutional framework of human rights promotion and protection in Hong Kong, including the setting up of a statutory Hong Kong Human Rights Commission; and
- (c) to monitor and examine the implementation of the Concluding Observations or Concluding Comments in respect of Hong Kong issued by United Nations human rights treaty bodies.

### **Subcommittee's work plan**

3. The Subcommittee held its first meeting on 23 March 2007 to draw up a work plan.

4. The Subcommittee plans to focus its work on the following major areas in the coming 12 months:

(a) Existing human rights mechanisms in Hong Kong

The Subcommittee notes that a large majority of academics who have responded to the enquiries of the Research and Library Services Division of the Legislative Council Secretariat consider that the existing statutory bodies and institutions for the protection of human rights in Hong Kong are not in compliance with the Paris Principles. The Subcommittee will hold discussions with these academics and representatives of the Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor on their views in respect of the existing human rights mechanisms in Hong Kong. The Subcommittee will also discuss the Administration's responses to these views.

(b) Setting up of a human rights commission

The Subcommittee will pursue the issue of setting up a human rights commission for the protection and promotion of human rights and other means of enhancing the effectiveness of the existing human rights mechanisms in Hong Kong.

(c) Implementation of the recommendations made in the Concluding Observations or Concluding Comments issued by the relevant human rights treaty monitoring bodies

The Subcommittee will monitor the Administration's progress in implementing the recommendations made in the Concluding Observations or Concluding Comments issued by the respective treaty monitoring bodies of the following international human rights treaties -

- (i) International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
- (ii) International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;
- (iii) International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;
- (iv) Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

- (v) Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; and
- (vi) Convention on the Rights of the Child.

**Time frame for completion of work**

5. The Subcommittee will hold its next meeting on 28 April 2007 and will meet regularly thereafter until April 2008 in order to achieve the above objectives. The Subcommittee will present a report to the Panel on Home Affairs in June 2008.

**Advice sought**

6. Members are invited to note the work plan and the time frame for completion of work of the Subcommittee.

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