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**Activation of the Subcommittee on Heritage Conservation
of the Panel on Home Affairs**

Purpose

This paper invites Members to consider whether the captioned subcommittee should be activated.

Background

2. At the House Committee (HC) meeting on 2 March 2007, Members agreed that the maximum number of subcommittees on policy issues and Council business other than subsidiary legislation, other instruments and senior judicial appointments should be eight. When eight such subcommittees are already in operation and new subcommittee(s) has been appointed, a waiting list will be formed. If the number of Bills Committees is less than 16, HC may activate subcommittees on the waiting list after having considered the following :

- (a) the number of vacant slots for Bills Committees;
 - (b) the number of bills likely to be introduced to the Council in the next three months;
 - (c) the number of subcommittees on subsidiary legislation already or likely to be appointed by HC and by Bills Committees; and
 - (d) the availability of resources in the Secretariat.
3. Members noted that 11 such subcommittees were already in operation.

Latest position

4. At its meeting on 11 May 2007, the Panel on Home Affairs decided to appoint a Subcommittee on Heritage Conservation. In accordance with the decision of HC, the subcommittee has been put on the waiting list. Since there are vacant Bills Committee slots, HC is invited to consider if it should be activated.

5. Information relating to the subcommittee including its terms of reference, work plan and time frame is in **Appendix I** for Members' reference. A position report on the existing and anticipated number of Bills Committees and subcommittees is in **Appendix II** to facilitate Members' consideration of the factors listed in paragraph 2.

Advice sought

6. Members are invited to decide whether the subcommittee should be activated.

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Appendix I

Subcommittee on Heritage Conservation of the Panel on Home Affairs

Terms of reference

The Subcommittee will review the planning for redevelopment and/or preservation projects relating to buildings or sites with unique heritage value, including the Nga Tsin Wai Village project, the Dragon Garden project and other similar projects.

Work plan and time frame

2. The Subcommittee will focus its work on the following major areas -
 - (a) review of the planning for the Nga Tsin Wai Village project and the Dragon Garden project, as well as other similar projects with heritage value which are under threat;
 - (b) monitoring of the Government and relevant authorities in taking forward these redevelopment and/or preservation projects to ensure that relevant buildings and sites with unique heritage value will be preserved; and
 - (c) discussions with the Government and relevant parties on feasible alternatives to preserve relevant buildings or sites.

3. The Subcommittee may also meet with deputations to receive their views on individual projects. The Subcommittee will complete its work within 12 months of its commencement and report to the Panel on Home Affairs in June 2008.

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Existing and anticipated Bills Committees and subcommittees
(Position as at 15 May 2007)

Summary	1. Estimated number of Bills Committees within the next three months	:	18	} (see <u>List A</u> for details)
	2. Estimated number of subcommittees on subsidiary legislation in action within the next three months	:	10	
	3. Estimated number of subcommittees on policy issues in action within the next three months	:	10	

List A : Existing and anticipated Bills Committees and subcommittees

(A) Bills Committees (<i>Maximum number : 16</i>)			(B) Subcommittees on subsidiary legislation (<i>Notional maximum number : 2</i>)		(C) Subcommittees on policy issues (<i>Maximum number : 8</i>)		
(i) Bills Committees in action	(ii) Bills Committees expected to be formed in the next three months	(iii) Existing Bills Committees expected to complete work	(i) Subcommittees in action (<i>End of scrutiny period</i>)	(ii) Subsidiary legislation expected to be gazetted in the next three months and on which subcommittees are expected to be formed	(i) Subcommittees in action	(ii) Existing subcommittees expected to complete work	(iii) Subcommittees on the waiting list
Total : 14	5	1	Total : 1	9	Total : 11	1	1
1. Bills Committee (BC) on Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2006 2. BC on Hazardous Chemicals Control Bill 3. BC on Rail Merger Bill 4. BC on City University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Bill 2006 5. BC on Race Discrimination Bill 6. BC on Housing (Amendment) Bill 2007 7. BC on Domicile Bill 8. BC on Mainland Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Bill 9. BC on Patents (Amendment) Bill 2007	(a) Bills on the Legislative Programme 1. Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill 2. Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill 3. Attachment of Income Order (Application to Government and Miscellaneous Amendment) Bill 4. Buildings (Amendment) Bill Sub-total : 4 (Please refer to List B for a full list of the Administration's Legislative Programme.) (b) Bills not on the Legislative Programme Sub-total : 0	1. BC on Rail Merger Bill (<i>Aiming at reporting to the House Committee on 25 May 2007</i>)	1. Subcommittee on Subsidiary Legislation Relating to the Shenzhen Bay Port Hong Kong Port Area (<i>6 June 2007, or 27 June 2007 if extended by resolution</i>)	1. Building Management (Third Party Risks Insurance) Regulation [The draft regulation was considered by the BC on Building Management (Amendment) Bill 2005.] 2. Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) Regulations [The Panel on Transport was briefed on 23 March 2007.] 3. Legislative proposals to implement the requirements of confiscation, extradition and mutual legal assistance in criminal matters under the United Nations Convention Against Corruption in Hong Kong [The Panel on Security was briefed on 5 December 2006.] 4. Legislative proposals to implement the obligations under the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism [The Panel on Security was briefed on 6 February 2007.] 5. Legislative proposals to implement the rail merger [The Rail Merger Bill is being scrutinized by the relevant Bills Committee.]	(a) Under House Committee 1. Subcommittee (SC) to Examine the Implementation in Hong Kong of Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Sanctions 2. SC to Study the Subject of Combating Poverty 3. SC to Study Issues Relating to the Provision of Boarding Places, Senior Secondary Education and Employment Opportunities for Children with Special Educational Needs 4. SC on West Kowloon Cultural District Development 5. SC to Study the Transport Needs of and Provision of Concessionary Public Transport Fares for Persons with Disabilities Sub-total : 5	1. SC to Examine the Implementation in Hong Kong of Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Sanctions (<i>To report to the House Committee on 18 May 2007</i>)	1. SC on Heritage Conservation under the Panel on Home Affairs

(A) Bills Committees (Maximum number : 16)			(B) Subcommittees on subsidiary legislation (Notional maximum number : 2)		(C) Subcommittees on policy issues (Maximum number : 8)		
(i) Bills Committees in action	(ii) Bills Committees expected to be formed in the next three months	(iii) Existing Bills Committees expected to complete work	(i) Subcommittees in action (End of scrutiny period)	(ii) Subsidiary legislation expected to be gazetted in the next three months and on which subcommittees are expected to be formed	(i) Subcommittees in action	(ii) Existing subcommittees expected to complete work	(iii) Subcommittees on the waiting list
10. BC on Tsing Sha Control Area Bill	(c) Members' Bills			6. Regulations under the Human Organ Transplant Ordinance to provide for rules and procedures for appeal against a decision by the Director of Health in respect of an application for exemptions of organ products from the application of the Ordinance [The Panel on Health Services was briefed on 11 December 2006.]	(b) Under Panels		
11. BC on Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Bill	1. The English Schools Foundation (Amendment) Bill 2007 [Hon Abraham SHEK has given notice to present the Bill to the Council on 30 May 2007.]			7. Subsidiary legislation relating to the District Councils Election 2007	1. SC on Matters Relating to Railways (Panel on Transport)		
12. BC on Civil Justice (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2007	Sub-total : 1			8. Subsidiary legislation under the Telecommunications Ordinance to enable the release of spectrum for provision of CDMA 2000 services by auction [The Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting was briefed on 12 March 2007.]	2. SC on Review of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme (Panel on Welfare Services)		
13. BC on Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2007				9. Subsidiary legislation in relation to the Unsolicited Electronic Messages Bill [The Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting was briefed on 14 May 2007.]	3. SC on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Family Violence (Panel on Welfare Services)		
14. BC on Revenue Bill 2007					4. SC to Follow Up the Outstanding Leisure and Cultural Services Projects of the Former Municipal Councils (Panel on Home Affairs)		
					5. SC to Review the Planning for the Central Waterfront (including the Tamar Site) (Panel on Planning, Lands and Works)		
					6. SC on Human Rights Protection Mechanisms (Panel on Home Affairs)		
					Sub-total : 6		
(iv) Estimated number of Bills Committees within the next three months = (i)+(ii)-(iii) = (14+5-1), i.e. <u>18</u>			(iii) Estimated number of subcommittees on subsidiary legislation in action within the next three months = (i)+(ii) = (1+9), i.e. <u>10</u>		(iv) Estimated number of subcommittees on policy issues in action within the next three months = (i)-(ii) = (11-1), i.e. <u>10</u>		

List B : The Administration's Legislative Programme 2006-2007
(position as at 15 May 2007)

Title	Time/expected time of introduction into LegCo in the 2006-2007 legislative session	Remarks
1. Race Discrimination Bill	13 December 2006	A Bills Committee was formed to study the Bill on 15 December 2006.
2. Employment (Amendment) Bill 2006	20 December 2006	The Bill was passed at the Council meeting on 2 May 2007.
3. District Councils (Amendment) Bill 2006	20 December 2006	The Bill was passed at the Council meeting on 17 January 2007.
4. Housing (Amendment) Bill 2007	31 January 2007	A Bills Committee was formed to study the Bill on 2 February 2007.
5. Domicile Bill	7 February 2007	A Bills Committee was formed to study the Bill on 23 February 2007.
6. Shenzhen Bay Port Hong Kong Port Area Bill	7 February 2007	The Bill was passed at the Council meeting on 25 April 2007.
7. Mainland Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Bill	7 March 2007	A Bills Committee was formed to study the Bill on 9 March 2007.
8. Patents (Amendment) Bill 2007	18 April 2007	A Bills Committee was formed to study the Bill on 20 April 2007.
9. Import and Export (Amendment) Bill 2007	18 April 2007	The Administration has given notice to resume the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting on 23 May 2007.
10. Tsing Sha Control Area Bill	18 April 2007	A Bills Committee was formed to study the Bill on 20 April 2007.
11. Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Bill	18 April 2007	A Bills Committee was formed to study the Bill on 20 April 2007.
12. Civil Justice (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2007	25 April 2007	A Bills Committee was formed to study the Bill on 27 April 2007.
13. Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2007	25 April 2007	A Bills Committee was formed to study the Bill on 27 April 2007.

Title	Time/expected time of introduction into LegCo in the 2006-2007 legislative session	Remarks
14. Prevention of Bribery (Amendment) Bill	2nd half	<p>The Subcommittee on Application of Certain Provisions of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance to the Chief Executive was briefed on the proposal on 20 November 2005.</p> <p>The Administration explained to members the problems in the drafting of the Bill at the meeting of the Panel on Constitutional Affairs on 18 December 2006.</p>
15. Communications Authority Bill	2nd half	The Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting was briefed on the consultation paper on the establishment of the Communications Authority on 17 March 2006.
16. Employment (Amendment) (No.2) Bill	2nd half	
17. Air Pollution Control (Amendment) Bill	2nd half	
18. Product Eco-responsibility Bill	2nd half	
19.*Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill	2nd half	The Panel on Financial Affairs was briefed on 12 April 2007.
20.*Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill	2nd half	The Panel on Financial Affairs was briefed on 2 March 2007.
21.*Attachment of Income Order (Application to Government and Miscellaneous Amendment) Bill	2nd half	The Panel on Home Affairs was briefed on 13 April 2007.
22.*Buildings (Amendment) Bill	2nd half	The Panel on Planning, Lands and Works was briefed on 27 March 2007.
23. Poultry Slaughtering Plant Bill	2nd half	

* A Bills Committee is expected to be formed in the next three months.

Title	Time/expected time of introduction into LegCo in the 2006-2007 legislative session	Remarks
24. Quarantine and Prevention of Disease (Amendment) Bill	2nd half	The Panel on Health Services was briefed on 12 February 2007.
25. Domestic Violence (Amendment) Bill	2nd half	The Panel on Welfare Services was briefed on 8 January 2007.
26. Pesticides (Amendment) Bill	2nd half	The Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene was briefed on 13 February 2007.
27. Independent Police Complaints Council Bill	2nd half	The Panel on Security was briefed on 6 June 2006.