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Report of the Committee on Rules of Procedure

**Review of the Distribution of Work of the Legislative Council Panels
in the light of the Re-organization of Government Secretariat**

Purpose

This paper outlines the changes in the delineation of responsibilities among the Policy Bureaux as a result of the recent re-organization of the Government Secretariat. It also proposes an arrangement to enable the 18 Panels in the Legislative Council to continue to perform their functions effectively in the light of the re-organization for the remainder of the current legislative term.

Background

2. Following the Chief Executive's announcement on 3 May 2007 at the meeting of the Legislative Council about his plan to reorganize the Government Secretariat, the Administration put forward a proposal to re-distribute the work among the policy bureaux with effect from 1 July 2007. As a result of the re-organization, there are 12 Directors of Bureau with the net addition of one, and retitling of eight Directors of Bureau. Major changes involved in the recent re-organization of the Government Secretariat are listed out in **Appendix I**.

3. For the purpose of implementing the re-organization of the Government Secretariat, the proposed organization and staffing structure of the new framework was endorsed by the Establishment Subcommittee on 22 May 2007, and approved by the Finance Committee on 12 June 2007. The resolution to provide for the transfer of statutory functions vested in public officers was passed at the Legislative Council meeting of 13 June 2007. The changes to the post titles took effect from 1 July 2007.

4. The Committee on Rules of Procedure (“CRoP”) has reviewed how far the work of the Panels will be affected by the reshuffling of responsibilities among the Directors of Bureau. This paper summarizes the outcome of the review and the recommendations of CRoP on the way forward.

Functions of Panels and their relationship with their corresponding Policy Bureaux

5. Panels provide a forum for Members to exchange views with the Administration and the public on policy matters. There are at present 18 Panels formed by resolution of the Legislative Council with the following common terms of reference:

- (a) to monitor and examine relevant Government policies and issues of public concern;
- (b) to provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on relevant policy matters;
- (c) to receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in the relevant policy area(s) prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee; and
- (d) to examine and to report on any major issues of wide public concern in the relevant policy area(s) as referred by the Council or House Committee or as raised by the Panel itself.

6. It has been the practice to define the scope of work of Panels by matching it as far as possible with the distribution of responsibilities of their corresponding Directors of Bureau. However, in determining the terms of reference of a Panel and the scope of its policy areas, consideration is also given to the span and diversity of the responsibilities of its corresponding Policy Bureau. For example, in the case of the then Health, Welfare & Food Bureau, the monitoring and examination of the policy areas concerned is undertaken by the Health Services Panel, Welfare Service Panel and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Panel. In the event of changes in the responsibilities of the Bureau, corresponding changes to the terms of reference of Panels may be made. However, the reshuffling of policy areas among Directors of Bureau does not necessarily mean that the policy areas of Panels must be changed. There were occasions where no change was proposed to the terms of reference of Panels after the duties of Directors of Bureaux had been reshuffled. An example is the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works which has continued to monitor issues related to public works although the policy matter was transferred from the former Works Bureau to the then Environment, Transport and Works Bureau. It is entirely a matter to be decided by the

Council upon the recommendation of the House Committee. However, where possible, efforts are made to ensure that the same Director of Bureau is not required to report to too many Panels. It is therefore also a practice to consult the Administration on any proposed changes to the terms of reference of Panels.

Impact of the recent reorganization on the terms of reference of Panels

7. In accordance with Rule 77(2) of the Rules of Procedure, changes to the terms of reference of Panels, which include details of the corresponding Directors of Bureaux, require the recommendation of the House Committee and the approval of the Council. For this purpose, a resolution will have to be moved to effect the changes. Notwithstanding members' decision on whether there should be any changes to the scope of policy areas under the 18 Panels, the changes in the designations of the corresponding Directors of Bureaux will have to be reflected in the terms of reference of the Panels concerned. As there will be re-signification of membership of Panels and election of chairmen and deputy chairmen of Panels at the start of the new session in October 2007, it is more appropriate to make changes to the terms of reference of Panels before the end of the current session.

8. In the recent re-organization of the Government Secretariat, apart from the change in post titles, there are also the following major transfers of responsibilities:

- (a) development-related heritage conservation to be taken up by the Development Bureau;
- (b) human rights and access to information to be taken up by the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau;
- (c) women affairs and poverty to come under the new Labour and Welfare Bureau;
- (d) air and sea transport facilities and services to be transferred to the Transport and Housing Bureau;
- (e) energy to be transferred to the Environment Bureau; and
- (f) social enterprise and legal aid to come under the Home Affairs Bureau.

Deliberations of the Committee on Rules of Procedure on the way forward

9. In the course of its deliberation, CRoP has studied how far the work of Panels will be affected. **Appendix II** provides an illustration of how the present Panel structure would be affected if the terms of reference of Panels are to be re-aligned to match, as far as possible, the recent reshuffling of responsibilities among the Directors of Bureaux. Members find that a complete re-alignment of the policy areas of Panels based on the new schedule of responsibilities of the Directors of Bureaux will lead to significant changes to the Panel structure and membership composition. Such changes will make it difficult for individual Panels to monitor and follow-up on specific policy issues in the last session of the current term.

10. CRoP has also examined the feasibility of maintaining the status quo. After considering the need for a more even distribution of responsibilities among Panels, members have come to the view that the current policy portfolios of Panels should remain unchanged but with suitable modifications to take into account new policy areas and new names of Policy Bureaux. Where a policy area straddles across the portfolios of more than one Panel, the Panel which has all along been monitoring that specific policy area would continue to serve as the co-ordinator. It will invite members of other Panels to participate in the discussion of the policy area. On this basis, CRoP puts forward a proposal in **Appendix III** which primarily reflects the current work distribution of the 18 Panels with slight modifications. In this respect, CRoP members have identified seven policy areas (as listed in Appendix III) which do not fall directly within the portfolio of one Panel and have suggested that the placement of these policy areas should be subject to review after taking into account the experience in the 2007-2008 session, which is the last session of the current term. A review will be conducted towards the end of the 2007-2008 session with a view to proposing a Panel structure for the Legislative Council of the next term.

11. CRoP is aware that by maintaining the status quo, some Panels will have more than one corresponding Policy Bureau. However, it is also noted that this situation has already been the case for some Panels. Nevertheless, there will be increases in the number of corresponding Bureaux for three Panels. They are:

- (a) Home Affairs Panel (*four* corresponding Bureaux);
- (b) Welfare Services Panel (*two* corresponding Bureaux); and
- (c) Economic Services Panel (*three* corresponding Bureaux).

12. As any changes to the operation of Panels would also have impact on the work of Policy Bureaux, CRoP has consulted the Administration on its suggested approach of maintaining the status quo with suitable modifications.

The Administration appreciates that "a complete re-alignment of the policy areas of Panels" based on the new schedule of responsibilities of the Directors of Bureaux would lead to significant changes to the Panel structure and membership and make monitoring and follow-up difficult, especially since LegCo would be moving into the last session of the current term. The Administration supports CRoP's proposal to conduct a review towards the end of the 2007-2008 session with a view to proposing a Panel structure for LegCo for the next term. The Administration wishes to share with CRoP the Administration's feedback when the review is under way. The Administration also notes that some Policy Bureaux would be reporting concurrently to three Panels and a few to two Panels. It agrees with CRoP's objective of seeking, wherever possible, to ensure that the same Director of Bureau would not be required to report to too many Panels. Given the latest distribution of work for the various Government Bureaux, the Administration appeals to CRoP and the House Committee for their understanding in case individual Bureaux run into capacity constraints and cannot respond as best as they should to the concurrent wishes of the various Panels.

Recommendations of CRoP

13. Having considered the Administration's response, CRoP decided at its meeting on 29 June 2007 to propose to the House Committee that the present Panel structure should be maintained with suitable modifications to the names and terms of reference of some Panels, as follows:

- (a) the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works will be renamed as Panel on Development, and the Panel on Economic Services will be renamed as Panel on Economic Development, to match the names of their corresponding Policy Bureaux;
- (b) new policy areas, namely poverty, social enterprises, creative industry and sustainable development, will be placed under those Panels which already have them covered by their respective terms of reference, as set out in Appendix III; and
- (c) the titles of the corresponding Policy Bureaux listed in the Schedule to the Resolution which specifies the Terms of Reference of Panels will be changed to reflect the new titles of those Bureaux.

14. CRoP also recommends that a review be conducted towards the end of the 2007-2008 session to examine the Panel structure and the placement of the seven policy areas (as listed in Appendix III) which do not fall directly within the portfolio of one Panel, with a view to proposing a Panel structure for the Legislative Council of the next term.

Resolution to be moved at the Council Meeting on 11 July 2007

15. Subject to members' views on CRoP's recommendations, it is proposed that the motion seeking the Council's approval of the proposed modifications set out in paragraph 13 (a), (b) and (c) be moved by the Chairman of the House Committee at the Council Meeting on 11 July 2007. The proposed resolution, if passed, will take effect on the day when the next session of the Legislative Council begins. A draft of the proposed resolution is at **Appendix IV**. The President's leave will be sought to dispense with the requisite notice for the motion.

Advice sought

16. Members are requested to consider the proposals set out in paragraphs 13 to 15 above.

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Legislative Council Secretariat
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Appendix I

**Policy Areas reshuffled as a result of the
Reorganization of the Government Secretariat**

Policy Areas	Bureau/Office Concerned	
	Before 1 July 2007	From 1 July 2007 onwards
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Planning, land-use, buildings, urban renewal, construction and works 	Housing, Planning and Lands Environment, Transport and Works	Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Development-related heritage conservation 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Human rights ♦ Data protection and press freedom ♦ Constitutional development ♦ Liaison with Mainland 	Home Affairs Constitutional Affairs	Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Environmental protection 	Environment, Transport and Works	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Energy ♦ Sustainable development 	Economic Development and Labour Administration Wing	Environment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Legal aid ♦ District administration ♦ Leisure ♦ Culture and sports ♦ Social enterprise 	Home Affairs Financial Secretary's Office	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Poverty ♦ Labour ♦ Manpower ♦ Vocational training ♦ Welfare ♦ Women 	Economic Development and Labour Education and Manpower	Labour and Welfare
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Food safety ♦ Environmental hygiene ♦ Health 	Health, Welfare and Food	
		Food and Health

Policy Areas	Bureau/Office Concerned	
	Before 1 July 2007	From 1 July 2007 onwards
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Education ♦ Vocational education and qualifications framework 	Education and Manpower	Education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Commerce and industry ♦ Innovation and technology ♦ Creative industry ♦ Telecommunications ♦ Information technology ♦ Broadcasting ♦ Film industry ♦ Tourism ♦ Consumer protection ♦ Competition policy 	Commerce, Industry and Technology	Commerce and Economic Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Air services, maritime transport and logistics development ♦ Land and waterborne transport ♦ Housing developments 	Economic Development and Labour	
	Environment, Transport and Works	Transport and Housing
	Housing, Planning and Lands	

Remarks: *Under the re-organization, the set-up and responsibilities of Civil Service Bureau, Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau and Security Bureau will remain unchanged.*

**Impact of Re-alignment of Policy Areas
according to the Re-organization of the Government Secretariat
on the operation of the 18 LegCo Panels**

Policy Areas	Panels under Existing Arrangement	Panels after Re-alignment	Corresponding Bureau(x) Under the New Structure
♦ Planning, land-use, buildings, urban renewal, construction and works	Planning, Lands and Works	Planning, Lands and Works	Development
♦ Development-related heritage conservation			
♦ Human rights	Home Affairs	Constitutional Affairs	Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
♦ Data protection and press freedom			
♦ Constitutional development	Constitutional Affairs		
♦ Liaison with Mainland			
♦ Environmental protection	Environmental Affairs	Environmental Affairs	Environment
♦ Energy	Economic Services		
♦ Sustainable development	<i>(Note 1)</i>		
♦ Legal aid	Administration of Justice and Legal Services	Home Affairs	Home Affairs
♦ District administration	Home Affairs		
♦ Leisure			
♦ Culture and sports	Nil		
♦ Social enterprise			
♦ Labour	Manpower	Manpower	Labour and Welfare
♦ Manpower			
♦ Vocational training	Welfare Services	Welfare Services	
♦ Welfare	Home Affairs		
♦ Women	Nil		
♦ Poverty			
♦ Food safety	Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene	Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene	Food and Health
♦ Environmental hygiene			
♦ Health	Health Services	Health Services	
♦ Education	Education	Education	Education
♦ Vocational education and qualifications framework	Manpower		

Policy Areas	Panels under Existing Arrangement	Panels after Re-alignment	Corresponding Bureau(x) Under the New Structure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Commerce and industry ♦ Innovation and technology 	Commerce and Industry	Commerce and Industry	Commerce and Economic Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Telecommunications ♦ Information technology ♦ Broadcasting ♦ Film industry ♦ Creative industry^(Note 2) 	Information Technology and Broadcasting	Information Technology and Broadcasting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Tourism ♦ Consumer protection ♦ Competition policy 	Economic Services	Economic Services	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Air services, maritime transport and logistics development 	Transport	Transport	Transport and Housing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Land and waterborne transport 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Housing developments 	Housing	Housing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Matters relating to the administration of justice and legal services 	Administration of Justice and Legal Services	Administration of Justice and Legal Services	Judiciary Department of Justice Administration Wing of the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Civil service and Government-funded public bodies and other public service matters 	Public Service	Public Service	Civil Service Financial Services and Treasury
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Financial and finance 	Financial Affairs	Financial Affairs	Financial Services and Treasury
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Security ♦ Public order ♦ Public safety ♦ Nationality and immigration ♦ Corruption-related matters 	Security	Security	Security Independent Commission Against Corruption

Note 1: "Sustainable development" currently does not come under any particular Panel. Upon re-alignment, it will be studied by various Panels depending on the subject areas concerned. The subject matter will be coordinated by the Panel on Environmental Affairs.

Note 2: "Creative industry" is currently not included in the terms of reference of any Panel. According to the Administration, this subject area includes 11 industrial sectors and the policy responsibilities straddle a number of policy bureaux. Commerce and Economic Development Bureau will co-ordinate the formulation of policy initiatives for developing creative industry. The subject matter will be taken up by the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting.

Appendix III

Proposed modifications to the Panel Structure based on the present mode of operation

<u>Panel</u>	<u>Policy Area</u>	<u>Corresponding Bureau/Office</u>
1. Manpower	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour• Manpower planning• Vocational training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour and Welfare Bureau
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocational education and qualifications framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education Bureau
2. Commerce and Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commerce, industry, business and services promotion, innovation and technology, intellectual property protection and inward investment promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commerce and Economic Development Bureau
3. Public Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Civil service and Government-funded public bodies, and other public service matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Civil Service Bureau• Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau
4. Administration of Justice and Legal Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matters relating to the administration of justice and legal services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judiciary• Department of Justice• Administration Wing of the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home Affairs Bureau

<u>Panel</u>	<u>Policy Area</u>	<u>Corresponding Bureau/Office</u>
5. Home Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District, community and rural matters, civic education, building management, youth matters, the provision of leisure and cultural services, development of arts and culture, public entertainment, sport and recreation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Affairs Bureau
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> △ Women ^(note 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour and Welfare Bureau
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> △ Human rights, data protection and press freedom ^(note 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> △ Development-related heritage conservation ^(note 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Bureau
6. Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport matters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport and Housing Bureau
7. Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private and public housing matters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport and Housing Bureau
8. Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security, public order, public safety, nationality and immigration matters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security Bureau
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corruption-related matters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Commission Against Corruption

<u>Panel</u>	<u>Policy Area</u>	<u>Corresponding Bureau/Office</u>
9. Constitutional Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau
10. Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food safety, environmental hygiene, agriculture and fisheries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and Health Bureau
11. Financial Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial and finance matters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau
12. Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education matters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Bureau
13. Planning, Lands and Works <i>(To be renamed as Panel on Development)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lands, buildings and planning matters, works and water supply and Public Works Programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Bureau
14. Welfare Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welfare and rehabilitation services matters • Poverty (<i>new policy</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour and Welfare Bureau
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> △ Social enterprise (<i>new policy</i>)^(note 1) (note 2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Affairs Bureau
15. Information Technology and Broadcasting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information technology, telecommunications, broadcasting and film services • Creative industry (<i>new policy</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commerce and Economic Development Bureau

<u>Panel</u>	<u>Policy Area</u>	<u>Corresponding Bureau/Office</u>
16. Economic Services <i>(To be renamed as Panel on Economic Development)</i>	• Economic infrastructure and services, postal and weather information services, consumer protection, competition policy and tourism	• Commerce and Economic Development Bureau
	△ Air and sea transport facilities and services ^(note 1)	• Transport and Housing Bureau
	△ Energy supply and safety ^(note 1)	• Environment Bureau
17. Health Services	• Medical and health services matters	• Food and Health Bureau
18. Environmental Affairs	• Environmental and conservation matters △ Sustainable development <i>(new policy)</i> ^(note 1)	• Environment Bureau

Note 1: "△" represents the seven policy areas which do not fall directly within the portfolio of a particular Panel. The placement of these policy areas will be subject to review in the light of the experience in the 2007-2008 session.

Note 2: "Social enterprise" is currently dealt with in conjunction with "Poverty" by the Legislative Council.

**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 the amended terms of reference and list of corresponding bureaux/bodies set out in the Schedule, as recommended by the House Committee, be approved in respect of the existing 18 Panels formed by resolutions made and passed by this Council at its meetings of 8 July 1998, 20 December 2000 and 9 October 2002; and that the amendments so approved shall take effect on the day when the 2007-2008 session of the Council begins

SCHEDULE

<u>Panel on</u>	<u>Corresponding Bureau/Body</u>	<u>Policy Areas</u>	<u>Terms of Reference</u>
1. Manpower	(a) Labour and Welfare Bureau (b) Education Bureau	labour, manpower planning, vocational training and education, and qualifications framework	Part 1
2. Commerce and Industry	Commerce and Economic Development Bureau	commerce, industry, business and services promotion, innovation and technology, intellectual property protection and inward investment promotion	Part 2
3. Public Service	(a) Civil Service Bureau (b) Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau	matters relating to the civil service and Government-funded public bodies, and other public service organizations	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 (d) Home Affairs Bureau	matters relating to the administration of justice and legal services	Part 4
5. Home Affairs	(a) Home Affairs Bureau (b) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (c) Labour and Welfare Bureau (d) Development 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, development of arts and culture, public entertainment, sport and recreation, and heritage conservation	Part 5

<u>Panel on</u>	<u>Corresponding Bureau/Body</u>	<u>Policy Areas</u>	<u>Terms of Reference</u>
6. Transport	Transport and Housing Bureau	transport	Part 6
7. Housing	Transport and Housing Bureau	private and public housing	Part 7
8. Security	(a) Security Bureau (b) Independent Commission Against Corruption	security, public order, public safety, corruption-related matters, nationality and immigration	Part 8
9. Constitutional Affairs	Constitutional and Mainland 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	Food and Health Bureau	food safety, environmental hygiene, agriculture and fisheries	Part 10
11. Financial Affairs	Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau	financial and finance matters	Part 11
12. Education	Education Bureau	education	Part 12
13. Development	Development Bureau	lands, buildings, planning, water supply, Public Works Programme and other works matters	Part 13
14. Welfare Services	(a) Labour and Welfare Bureau (b) Home Affairs Bureau	welfare, rehabilitation services, poverty and social enterprise	Part 14

<u>Panel on</u>	<u>Corresponding Bureau/Body</u>	<u>Policy Areas</u>	<u>Terms of Reference</u>
15. Information Technology and Broadcasting	Commerce and Economic Development Bureau	information technology, telecommunications, broadcasting, film services and creative industry	Part 15
16. Economic Development	(a) Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (b) Transport and Housing Bureau (c) Environment 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	Food and Health Bureau	medical and health services	Part 17
18. Environmental Affairs	Environment Bureau	environmental matters, conservation and sustainable development	Part 18

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Panel on Manpower

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to labour, ~~and~~ manpower planning, vocational training and education, and qualifications framework, 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.

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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.

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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 organizations, ~~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.

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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.

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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, and heritage conservation.
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.

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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.

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Panel on Housing

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to private and public housing ~~and 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.

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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.

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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 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.

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.

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.

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.

Legislative Council

Panel on Development~~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 and other works 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.

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, [poverty and social enterprise 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.

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 and creative industry.
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.

Legislative Council

Panel on Economic Development 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.
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.

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.

Legislative Council

Panel on Environmental Affairs

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to environmental matters, conservation and sustainable development.
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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