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Committee on Rules of Procedure

Review of the distribution of work of Legislative Council Panels

Purpose

This paper reports on the recommendation of the Committee on Rules of Procedure (CRoP) on the delineation of the responsibilities of the 18 Panels for the next legislative term, having regard to the findings of a review on the operation of the Panels following the re-organization of the Government Secretariat in July 2007.

Background

2. Following the Chief Executive's announcement on 3 May 2007 of his plan to re-organize the Government Secretariat and re-distribute the work among the Policy Bureaux, CRoP reviewed in June 2007 how far the work of the Panels would be affected by the reshuffling of responsibilities among the Directors of Bureaux.

3. During the review in 2007, CRoP members noted 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 composition, and such changes would make it difficult for individual Panels to monitor and follow up specific policy issues in the last session of the current term. CRoP therefore agreed that the present Panel structure should be maintained for the remainder of the current legislative term, except with suitable modifications to the names and terms of reference of some Panels.

4. CRoP was aware that by maintaining the Panel structure, some Panels would have more than one corresponding Policy Bureau. CRoP therefore recommended that a review should be conducted towards the end of the 2007-2008 session to examine the Panel structure and the placement of seven policy areas which did not fall within the portfolio of one Panel, with a view to

proposing a Panel structure for the Legislative Council of the new term.

5. The House Committee supported CRoP's recommendations and a resolution was passed at the Legislative Council meeting on 11 July 2007 to effect the following modifications:

- (a) the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works was renamed as Panel on Development, and the Panel on Economic Services was renamed as Panel on Economic Development;
- (b) new policy areas, namely poverty, social enterprises, creative industry and sustainable development, were placed under those Panels which already had them covered by their respective terms of reference; and
- (c) the new titles of the corresponding Policy Bureaux of the Panels were reflected in the Schedule to the Resolution which specified the Terms of Reference of Panels.

The current terms of reference of the Panels are in **Appendix I**.

Outcome of the review and deliberations of the Committee on Rules of Procedure

6. A review of the operations of Panels under the existing Panel structure was conducted between March and May 2008 to examine:

- (a) whether the current arrangement for some Panels to deal with two or more corresponding Bureaux/offices has given rise to any operational difficulties; and
- (b) in what manner those seven policy areas which do not fall strictly within the portfolio of one Panel could be dealt with.

A survey was conducted among the clerks who serviced the 18 Panels. At the suggestion of CRoP on 5 May 2008, the 18 Panel chairmen and the Administration were also consulted on the proposed changes to the terms of reference of certain Panels as detailed in paragraphs 8 to 24 below.

7. 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 Bureaux. 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. While it is not uncommon for a Panel to have more than one corresponding Policy Bureau/Office, attention has been given to those Panels which need to deal with two or more Policy Bureaux/Offices on a regular basis.

In the 2007-2008 legislative session, seven Panels have to deal with two or more Policy Bureaux/Offices. They are:

- (a) Manpower Panel (*two* corresponding Bureaux);
- (b) Public Service Panel (*two* corresponding Bureaux);
- (c) Administration of Justice and Legal Services Panel (*four* corresponding Bureaux/Offices);
- (d) Security Panel (*two* corresponding Bureaux/Offices);
- (e) Welfare Services Panel (*two* corresponding Bureaux);
- (f) Economic Development Panel (*three* corresponding Bureaux);
and
- (g) Home Affairs Panel (*four* corresponding Bureaux).

8. The arrangement for the first four Panels to deal with more than one Policy Bureau/Office has existed before the re-organization in July 2007. These Panels generally have no difficulty with the arrangement. The Welfare Services Panel also has no difficulty with the arrangement notwithstanding the addition of one corresponding Bureau (i.e. the Home Affairs Bureau, which is the Policy Bureau for “social enterprise”) since July 2007. However, in the cases of the Home Affairs Panel and the Economic Development Panel which have to deal with four and three Policy Bureaux respectively, the co-ordination work involved is quite extensive.

Home Affairs Panel

9. Currently, the policy areas within the terms of reference of the Home Affairs Panel involve four Policy Bureaux. These policy areas include three of the seven policy areas which do not fall strictly within the portfolio of one Panel, i.e. policy areas which straddle the work of more than one Panel. They are: women matters, human rights/data protection/press freedom, and development-related heritage conservation. The Home Affairs Panel has to liaise with different Bureaux to decide on the agenda of meetings and the allocation of time for individual discussion items. To improve the operational efficiency of the Panel, it is considered necessary to transfer those policy areas, which are not within the purview of the Home Affairs Bureau, to other more relevant Panels.

Women matters

10. It has been proposed that the policy area on **women matters**, which is under the purview of the Labour and Welfare Bureau, should be transferred to the Welfare Services Panel. In this regard, the Chairman of the Welfare

Services Panel is of the view that the policy area on **women matters** is related to international human rights conventions, and has suggested transferring this policy area to the Panel responsible for **human rights**, i.e. the Constitutional Affairs Panel, instead of to the Welfare Services Panel.

11. The Administration is of the view that matters relating to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) constitute only a relatively small part of the policy area on women matters, and the Administration considers it more desirable for the whole policy area to be placed under the Welfare Services Panel.

12. In its deliberation, CRoP has noted that the proposal for transferring the policy area of **women matters** from the Home Affairs Panel to the Welfare Services Panel takes into consideration the fact that this policy area is under the purview of the Labour and Welfare Bureau, which is also the policy bureau for matters relating to CEDAW. On the other hand, the policy area of **human rights** has been proposed to be transferred from the Home Affairs Panel to the Constitutional Affairs Panel, as this policy area is under the purview of the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau which is responsible, inter alia, for five other international conventions/covenant on human rights.

13. CRoP has also noted that the Chairman of the Constitutional Affairs Panel agrees to the Administration's proposal in paragraph 11 above but the Chairman of the Welfare Services Panel disagrees. CRoP has subsequently agreed to the suggestion that **issues relating to reporting under CEDAW**, such as the political participation right of women and women status, should come under the Constitutional Affairs Panel, while **issues relating to women welfare** should come under the Welfare Services Panel, both with the Labour and Welfare Bureau as the corresponding bureau. If necessary, the two Panels can hold joint meetings to discuss issues of common concern.

Human rights, data protection and press freedom

14. The Panel chairmen and the Administration have no objection to transferring this policy area, which is currently under the purview of the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau, to the Constitutional Affairs Panel. Regarding **data protection**, the Administration suggests that 'personal' be added before 'data protection' in the new terms of reference of the Constitutional Affairs Panel. This suggestion has been accepted by CRoP.

Development-related heritage conservation

15. The Panel chairmen and the Administration have no objection to transferring this policy area, which is under the purview of the Development Bureau, to the Development Panel.

16. CRoP has noted that as a result of the above transfers of policy areas, the number of corresponding Bureaux for the Home Affairs Panel will be reduced

to one.

Economic Development Panel and Environmental Affairs Panel

17. The policy area on **energy supply and safety** is currently under the purview of the Environment Bureau, but placed under the Economic Development Panel. Given the increasing concern about the environmental issues relating to power generation, members of the Environmental Affairs Panel have been invited to join the discussion of these issues at meetings of the Economic Development Panel. During the review in March 2008, it was suggested that this policy area should be placed under the Environmental Affairs Panel.

18. When the proposal was discussed by CRoP, some members were of the view that there was a need for the economic issues of **energy supply and safety** to be discussed by the Economic Development Panel. On the other hand, the environmental aspect of energy should continue to be followed up by the Environmental Affairs Panel, which currently monitors all environmental and conservation matters. Where needed, joint meetings may be held to discuss issues of common interest to the two Panels. Under this arrangement, the Secretary for the Environment will continue to report to the two Panels on energy matters. To put beyond doubt that environmental issues concerning **energy** are within the purview of the Environmental Affairs Panel, the terms of reference of the Panel should be suitably amended. Chairmen of the two Panels and the Administration have no objection to the arrangement.

Other policy areas

Social enterprise and legal aid

19. The Chairman of the Home Affairs Panel is of the view that in order that the Home Affairs Bureau will not have to deal with too many Panels, the policy areas on **social enterprise** and **legal aid** which are under the purview of the Bureau should come under the portfolio of the Home Affairs Panel.

20. In this connection, CRoP has noted that the subject of **social enterprise** has all along been dealt with by Members from the angle of alleviating poverty and, as such, has been placed under the Welfare Services Panel. On the other hand, the provision of **legal aid** is an integral part of the administration of justice and has been placed under the Administration of Justice and Legal Services Panel. The Administration has indicated no objection to the proposal for these two policy areas to continue to be monitored by these two Panels. On this basis, CRoP has agreed that **social enterprise** should come under the Welfare Services Panel while **legal aid** should continue to be monitored by the Administration of Justice and Legal Services Panel.

Family Council

21. The Administration has commented that matters relating to the Family Council are currently put under the purview of the Welfare Services Panel but often subsumed under the heading of “family welfare services”. The Administration considers that **Family Council** covers areas in addition to family welfare services, and suggests that consideration be given to specifically stating the item under the Panel’s new terms of reference.

22. The Chairman of the Welfare Services Panel has no objection to the Administration’s proposal. CRoP has accepted the proposal.

Poverty

23. Noting that the Welfare Services Panel will continue to oversee **poverty** issues, the Administration is of the view that with the parallel operation of the Subcommittee to Study the Subject of Combating Poverty, there is a duplication of the terms of reference and work between the two. The Administration hopes that such duplication will be avoided in the new legislative term.

24. CRoP has noted that the Subcommittee was appointed by the House Committee in November 2004 as its work straddled a number of Panels and no bureau was then responsible for this policy area. With the taking up of this policy area by the Welfare Services Panel and the Labour and Welfare Bureau respectively in July 2007, and the impending conclusion of work of the Subcommittee in June 2008, the concern about duplication of work should no longer exist.

Recommendations of the Committee on Rules of Procedure

25. Having considered the comments of the Panel chairmen and the Administration, CRoP decided at its meeting on 2 June 2008 that the terms of reference of the Home Affairs Panel, Welfare Services Panel, Constitutional Affairs Panel, Environmental Affairs Panel and Development Panel should be amended as shown in **Appendix II**.

26. CRoP noted that any changes to take effect from the commencement of the new term would require the Council’s endorsement before the end of the current term. This would facilitate the signification of membership and the election of chairmen and deputy chairmen of Panels to take place at the start of the new term.

Resolution to be moved at the Council meeting of 2 July 2008

27. Subject to members' views on CRoP's recommendations, it is proposed that the motion seeking the Council's approval of the proposed modifications to the terms of reference of Panels be moved by the Chairman of the House Committee at the Council meeting of 2 July 2008. The proposed resolution, if passed, will take effect on the day when the next term of the Legislative Council begins. A draft of the proposed resolution is at **Appendix III**.

Advice sought

28. Members are requested to consider the proposals set out in paragraphs 8 to 24 above.

Legislative Council Secretariat
11 June 2008

Appendix I

Current Terms of Reference of Panels

<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, 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour and Welfare Bureau
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human rights, data protection and press freedom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development-related heritage conservation 	<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
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

<u>Panel</u>	<u>Policy Area</u>	<u>Corresponding Bureau/Office</u>
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. Development	<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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour and Welfare Bureau
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social enterprise 	<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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commerce and Economic Development Bureau
16. Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic infrastructure and services, postal and weather information services, consumer protection, competition policy and tourism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commerce and Economic Development Bureau
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air and sea transport facilities and services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport and Housing Bureau
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy supply and safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Bureau
17. Health Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical and health services matters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and Health Bureau
18. Environmental Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental and conservation matters • Sustainable development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Bureau

Appendix II

Proposed Changes to the Terms of Reference of Panels

<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, 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 matters <i>(to be transferred to WS Panel)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour and Welfare Bureau
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human rights, data protection and press freedom <i>(to be transferred to CA Panel)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development related heritage conservation <i>(to be transferred to DEV Panel)</i> 	<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
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
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Personal data protection and press freedom</u> <i>(to be transferred from HA Panel)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau</u>

<u>Panel</u>	<u>Policy Area</u>	<u>Corresponding Bureau/Office</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Human rights</u> <i>(to be transferred from HA Panel)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau</u> • <u>Labour and Welfare Bureau</u>
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. Development	<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
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Development-related heritage conservation</u> <i>(to be transferred from HA Panel)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Development Bureau</u>
14. Welfare Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welfare and rehabilitation services matters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour and Welfare Bureau
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social enterprise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Affairs Bureau
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Women welfare</u> <i>(to be transferred from HA Panel)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Labour and Welfare Bureau</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Family Council</u> <i>(newly added)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Home Affairs Bureau</u>
15. Information Technology and Broadcasting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information technology, telecommunications, broadcasting and film services • Creative industry 	<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 Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic infrastructure and services, postal and weather information services, consumer protection, competition policy and tourism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commerce and Economic Development Bureau
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air and sea transport facilities and services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport and Housing Bureau
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy supply and safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Bureau
17. Health Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical and health services matters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and Health Bureau
18. Environmental Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental matters (<u>including those on energy</u>) (<i>newly added</i>) • Conservation • Sustainable development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Bureau

**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, 9 October 2002 and 11 July 2007; and that the amendments so approved shall take effect on the day when the 2008-2009 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	Home Affairs Bureau	district, community and rural matters, civic education, building management, youth matters, provision of leisure and cultural services, development of arts and culture, public entertainment, sport and recreation	Part 5
6. Transport	Transport and Housing Bureau	transport	Part 6

<u>Panel on</u>	<u>Corresponding Bureau/Body</u>	<u>Policy Areas</u>	<u>Terms of Reference</u>
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	(a) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (b) Labour and Welfare 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, district organizations, human rights, personal data protection and press freedom	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, development-related heritage conservation, Public Works Programme and other works matters	Part 13
14. Welfare Services	(a) Labour and Welfare Bureau (b) Home Affairs Bureau	welfare (including women welfare), rehabilitation services, poverty, social enterprise and Family Council	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 (including those on energy), 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, manpower planning, vocational training and education, and qualifications framework.
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.
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.
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,~~ provision of leisure and cultural services, 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.
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 Housing

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to private and public housing.
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 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, nationality and immigration.
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 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, human rights, personal data protection and press freedom.
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.
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

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to lands, buildings, planning, water supply, development-related heritage conservation, 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 (including women welfare) and rehabilitation services, poverty, ~~and~~ social enterprise and Family Council.
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, 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

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 (including those on energy), conservation and sustainable development.
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.