

**Panel on Development**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**  
(Position as at 17 April 2008)

**Proposed timing for  
discussion**

**1. Replacement and rehabilitation of water mains**

The subject is proposed by Hon WONG Kwok-hing. Members would like to be briefed on the progress of replacement and rehabilitation of water mains. The Administration intends to submit the funding proposals for Stages 3 and 4 of the replacement and rehabilitation programme to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee on 18 June 2008 and 4 July 2008 respectively.

May 2008

**2. Cycle track network in the New Territories**

The Administration intends to brief members on the latest development of the cycle track network in the New Territories.

May 2008

**3. Study on Land Use Planning for the Closed Area -  
Draft Concept Plan**

At the meeting with LegCo Members on 2 March 2004, HYK Councillors raised concern about the present restrictions on the use of the Frontier Closed Area (FCA). They considered that the Administration should relax the various restrictions imposed on the FCA to open up these areas for development. The issue was referred to the Panel on Security and this Panel for follow-up. HYK's views and the Administration's response were circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1932/03-04 on 27 May 2004.

May 2008

The subject was discussed again at the meetings

**Proposed timing for  
discussion**

between LegCo Members and HYK Councillors on 31 October 2006 and 8 November 2007. The relevant documents were circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)663/06-07 on 15 December 2006, LC Paper No. CB(1)346/07-08 on 28 November 2007, and LC Paper No. CB(1)561/07-08 on 9 January 2008.

A motion on "Comprehensively developing the border area" was passed at the Council meeting on 2 November 2005.

The Administration announced on 7 September 2006 its proposal to reduce the FCA from about 2 800 to about 800 hectares. The Administration's information paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)3000/05-06(01)) was circulated to members on 7 September 2006.

An information paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)1156/06-07(01)) on "Review of the Frontier Closed Area - Result of Public Consultation" was circulated to members of the Panel on Security and this Panel on 26 February 2007.

Another information paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)818/07-08(01)) on "Review of the Frontier Closed Area" was circulated to members of the Panel on Security, Panel on Commerce and Industry, Panel on Environmental Affairs and this Panel on 11 January 2008.

The Panel on Security discussed the item of "Review of the Frontier Closed Area" on 19 February 2008. Members had been invited to join the discussion of the item.

The Administration intends to brief members on the Draft Concept Plan of the Study on Land Use Planning for the Closed Area.

**4. Mandatory building inspection scheme and mandatory window inspection scheme**

The Administration intends to discuss further with members the operational details of the proposed mandatory building inspection scheme and mandatory window inspection scheme. The Administration plans to introduce the relevant legislative proposals early in the next term of the Legislative Council.

May 2008

**5. Review on the measures to promote green features in building developments**

The subject was proposed by Hon LEE Wing-tat at the meeting on 28 November 2006. One of the Government's measures to encourage and promote the construction of green buildings is the exemption of certain green features from the calculation of gross floor area in building developments. The Government has been monitoring the provision of green features in building developments. In this regard, the Buildings Department has, in conjunction with other relevant departments, initiated a review of the effectiveness of the incentive measure. As part of the review, the Administration has conducted opinion surveys to seek the views of relevant stakeholders and building occupants on the usefulness of green and amenity features in buildings. The Administration is analyzing the results of the surveys in drawing up the proposals. It will brief the Panel as soon as possible after the review is completed.

May 2008

The Administration has advised that the subject has come under the purview of the Environment Bureau after the reorganization of the Government.

Hon LEE Wing-tat requested that the subject be discussed as soon as possible vide his letter dated 14 April 2008 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1273/07-08(03)).

*Urban renewal*

**6. Work of the Urban Renewal Authority**

Members would like to keep in view the work of the Urban Renewal Authority and its future plans, and, where appropriate, review the relevant policies and strategies with the Administration. The Administration intends to brief, in the second quarter of 2008, members on the progress of the work of the Urban Renewal Authority and its work plan for the next financial year.

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2008

*Town planning*

**7. Temporary reclamation for constructing the Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link**

Members would like to be briefed on the details of the temporary reclamation for constructing the Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link, subject to the outcome of the relevant judicial review.

To be decided

**8. PWP item no. 7677CL "Wan Chai Development Phase II - engineering works"**

The Administration intends to brief members on the financial proposal for carrying out engineering works to provide land for constructing the Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link, enhancing the harbour-front of that area, improving the existing road network and constructing new connection roads, and reprovisioning the affected existing facilities.

To be decided

**9. Transformation of industrial buildings**

The Administration intends to brief members on the latest situation and difficulties regarding the transformation of industrial buildings, and to consult members on the way forward.

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2008

*Land supply and land administration*

**10. Small House Policy**

The subject was proposed by Hon CHAN Kam-lam at the meeting on 11 October 2007. A letter from the Chief Secretary for Administration in reply to the Public Accounts Committee (LC Paper No. CB(1)130/07-08(01)) providing information about the progress of the Small House Policy review was circulated to members on 25 October 2007.

To be decided

**11. Issues concerning handling of applications for rezoning land from "Other Specified Uses" to residential or commercial uses**

The subject was proposed by Hon Alan LEONG. Mr LEONG raised an oral question at the Council meeting on 3 November 2004 regarding the proposed alteration of the planned land use of a lot at Ap Lei Chau waterfront from the existing "Other Specified Uses" annotated "Liquified Petroleum Gas And Oil Products Transit Depot" to "Residential (Group A)". Members would like to discuss the policy and criteria for handling such cases.

To be decided

**12. Review of lease modification to permit change of use for sites previously granted by private treaty**

The Panel discussed the subject at the meetings on 28 March 2006 and 23 May 2006. Members raised concerns and made certain suggestions in respect of existing and future private treaty grants. Members agreed that the Panel would discuss the subject further. The Administration's written response to members' concerns and suggestions (LC Paper No. CB(1)2094/05-06(01)) was issued to members on 4 August 2006.

To be decided

*Issues raised by Heung Yee Kuk (HYK) at meetings with LegCo Members and referred to the Panel for follow-up actions*

**13. Mechanism to check and balance the powers of the Town Planning Board**

At the meeting with LegCo Members on 29 November 2005, HYK Councillors raised concern about the mechanism to check and balance the powers of the Town Planning Board. The relevant extract from the minutes of the meeting was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)700/05-06 on 13 January 2006.

To be decided

**14. New nature conservation policy**

At the meeting with LegCo Members on 31 October 2006, HYK Councillors raised concern about the impact of the new nature conservation policy. The subject was referred to the Panel on Environmental Affairs and this Panel for follow-up. The relevant documents and extract from the minutes of the meeting were circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)577/06-07 on 22 December 2006. The Panel on Environmental Affairs will discuss "Progress of implementation of the new nature conservation policy" at its meeting on 28 April 2008. Members have been invited to attend for discussion of the item.

Not applicable

**15. Rural development strategy**

At the meeting with LegCo Members on 31 October 2006, HYK Councillors raised concern about the rural development strategy. The relevant documents and extract from the minutes of the meeting were circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)576/06-07 on 22 December 2006.

To be decided

At the meeting with LegCo Members on 8 November 2007, HYK Councillors raised concern about the planning for rural areas and review of land

uses in the New Territories (Agricultural Land, Green Belt and Recreational Land). The relevant documents were circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)346/07-08 on 28 November 2007. The Administration's response was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)561/07-08 on 9 January 2008.

*Drainage, waterworks and public works related policies*

**16. Total water management strategy in Hong Kong**

The subject is proposed by the Administration. The Administration intends to brief members on a programme-based strategy to promote total water management for sustainable development of Hong Kong in the long term.

June 2008

*Other issues*

**17. The work of the Business Facilitation Advisory Committee (formerly Economic and Employment Council) in relation to matters within the Panel's purview**

The subject was proposed by Hon Abraham SHEK at the meeting on 13 October 2005. Members would like to be briefed on the work of the Business Facilitation Advisory Committee in relation to matters within the Panel's purview.

To be decided