

**Panel on Commerce and Industry**

**List of issues suggested to be considered**  
(position as at 14 October 2008)

**Proposed timing**  
**for discussion**

**1. Promotion of Inward Investment**

At the Panel meeting held on 18 December 2007, Panel members considered that resources of Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) should be pooled together with other bodies which were also promoting Hong Kong. Since a follow-up study on the comprehensive review on Hong Kong's investment promotion policy was being commissioned by the Administration, the outcome of which was expected to be available in the second quarter of 2008, members requested the Administration to report to the Panel on the key findings of the study to facilitate discussion on the future development of InvestHK.

First quarter of 2009

**2. Issues related to the acquisition of a site in Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate by a domestic free TV broadcaster**

At the Panel meeting on 6 July 2004, the Administration was requested to conduct a review on the policy and procedures concerning the admission of industries into the industrial estates and the measures to ensure a level playing field and equitable treatment for interested parties seeking entry into the industrial estates. Members requested the Administration to report the outcome of the review to the Panel in due course. The Administration advised in June 2008 that the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTPC), which managed the industrial estates, was progressing with a strategic study on the revitalization of the industrial estates. The study would review, amongst other things, the admission criteria to the industrial estates and the admission mechanism. The study would be completed in early 2009. The Administration would revisit relevant issues and provide a comprehensive report to the Panel in early 2009 after HKSTPC's consultancy study had been completed.

First quarter of 2009

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**3. Progress report on Research and Development Centres (R&D Centres)**

At the Panel meeting on 17 June 2008, members noted that the Administration would conduct a mid-term review on the operation and financial situation of the five R&D Centres by the end of 2008 and the study report was expected to be ready in early 2009. The Administration undertook to brief the Panel the outcome of the review in due course.

To be confirmed

**4. Progress report on Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR)'s participation in the World Exposition 2010 Shanghai China (Shanghai Expo)**

At the Panel meetings of 18 December 2007, 15 April and 17 June 2008, the Administration briefed/updated members on the plan for HKSAR's participation in the Shanghai Expo, including the construction of a stand-alone Hong Kong Pavilion, participation in the Urban Best Practices Area Exhibition and organization of a series of related activities as well as the Administration's revised cost estimate for the non-recurrent costs (excluding costs to be absorbed through internal redeployment of resource and before adding the estimated civil service staff cost) at \$201 million. The financial implications of supporting HKSAR's participation in the Shanghai Expo and the Hong Kong Pavilion Project were approved by the Finance Committee at the meetings on 9 May, 6 June and 4 July 2008 respectively. The Administration undertook to report the progress of each phase of HKSAR's participation in the Shanghai Expo to the Panel on a regular basis.

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