

Panel on Development

List of outstanding items for discussion

(Position as at 20 February 2009)

Proposed timing for discussion/Remarks

1. Implementation of Kai Tak Development -- infrastructure and environmental improvement to Kai Tak Approach Channel

The Administration intends to brief members on the funding proposals for --

March 2009

- (a) stage 1 infrastructure works to cater for commissioning of the first cruise berth and runway park;
- (b) the design of the Kai Tak Approach Channel and Kwun Tong Typhoon Shelter improvement works and the 600m opening in the former runway;
- (c) stage 1 infrastructure works at the north apron to serve public housing and Kai Tak Government Offices; and
- (d) the design of the remaining infrastructure works at the former runway and south apron area.

The Administration intends to submit the funding proposals to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration in May 2009.

2. PWP items no. 5035CG -- Greening Master Plan for Kowloon West -- studies and works, 5036CG -- Greening Master Plan for Hong Kong Island -- studies and works; and 5040CG -- Greening Master Plan for Kowloon East -- studies and works

The Administration intends to brief members on the funding proposal for the implementation of greening

March 2009

**Proposed timing for
discussion/Remarks**

works associated with Greening Master Plans for the remaining urban areas including Sham Shui Po and Kowloon City in Kowloon West; Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin in Kowloon East; and Western, Eastern and Southern Districts on Hong Kong Island and submit the proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration in April 2009 and May 2009 respectively.

3. Item related to the Budget (title to be confirmed after release of the Budget)

March 2009

4. Creation of 3 time-limited Directorate posts in Works Branch of Development Bureau

The Administration intends to brief members on the proposed creation of 3 time-limited Directorate posts in Works Branch of Development Bureau to strengthen Works Branch's capability to resolve cross-bureaux and cross-departmental issues relating to major infrastructure, to conduct high level public engagement, and to address strategic issues which might impede progress in the major infrastructure projects. The Administration intends to submit the proposals to the Establishment Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration in April 2009 and May 2009 respectively.

April 2009

5. Proposal to facilitate private redevelopment

The Administration intends to brief members on the proposed way forward for lowering the compulsory land sale applicable threshold for specified classes of lots under the Land (Compulsory Sale for Redevelopment) Ordinance.

April 2009

**Proposed timing for
discussion/Remarks**

6. Proposed amendments to Building (Construction) Regulations

The Administration intends to introduce to members the proposed amendments to the Building (Construction) Regulations concerning loading of buildings.

2nd Quarter 2009

7. Planning and Engineering Study on Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area

The Administration intends to brief members on the proposed NDA Study for Hung Shui Kiu and seek their support for subsequent funding submissions. It intends to submit the funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration in the second quarter of 2009.

2nd Quarter 2009

8. PWP item no. 7259RS "Cycle Tracks Connecting North West New Territories with North East New Territories"

The Administration intends to brief members on the funding proposal for construction of the New Territories cycle track network section between Tuen Mun and Ma On Shan and associated supporting facilities, and submit the funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration in May 2009 and June 2009 respectively.

April 2009

9. PWP item no. 9043WS -- "Uprating of Wan Chai Salt Water Supply System"

The Administration intends to brief members on the proposed works comprising:

June 2009

- (a) uprating of the existing Wan Chai Salt Water Supply System;

**Proposed timing for
discussion/Remarks**

- (b) construction of a pumping station at Bowen Drive;
- (c) provision of two salt water service reservoirs; and
- (d) laying of 8 km associated salt water mains in Wan Chai and Central District.

The Administration intends to submit the funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration in June 2009 and July 2009 respectively.

10. Proposed amendments to Building (Standards of Sanitary Fitments, Plumbing, Drainage Works and Latrines) Regulations

The Administration intends to introduce to members the proposed amendments to the Building (Standards of Sanitary Fitments, Plumbing, Drainage Works and Latrines) Regulations, including the provision of female sanitary facilities.

2nd Quarter 2009

11. Planning and Engineering Study on North East New Territories New Development Area (Stage 2 Public Engagement)

The Administration intends to brief members and seek their views on the Preliminary Outline Development Plans for the NDAs.

2nd Quarter 2009

12. Study on Land Use Planning for the Closed Area (Stage 2 Public Engagement)

The Administration intends to seek members' views on the Draft Development Plan for the Closed Area.

2nd Quarter 2009

**Proposed timing for
discussion/Remarks**

13. 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, and submit the proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration in June 2009 and July 2009 respectively.

2nd Quarter 2009

14. Work of the Urban Renewal Authority

The subject was proposed by Mr Abraham SHEK at the meeting on 14 October 2008.

2nd Quarter 2009

The Administration intends to brief members on the progress of the work of the Urban Renewal Authority and the plan for the next financial year.

15. Proposed revitalization of Haw Par Mansion

The Administration intends to brief members on the proposed way forward.

3rd Quarter 2009

16. Measures to expedite the vetting of planning applications and building submissions

At the meeting on 13 October 2005, Mr Abraham SHEK proposed that members should be briefed on the work of the Business Facilitation Advisory Committee in relation to matters within the Panel's purview.

To be decided
(members are
requested to advise on
the specific areas of
concern)

At the meeting on 14 October 2008, Prof Patrick LAU expressed concern about measures to expedite the vetting of planning applications and building

**Proposed timing for
discussion/Remarks**

submissions.

17. Review of the functions of the Town Planning Board and related issues

At the meeting with Legislative Council Members on 29 November 2005, Heung Yee Kuk 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
(review of the Town Planning Ordinance is not a priority of the Development Bureau and not factored into its current work plan)

At the Panel meeting on 14 October 2008, Miss Tanya CHAN, Ms Cyd HO and Mr Abraham SHEK considered that issues related to the review of the functions of the Town Planning Board, town planning procedures, and secretariat support for the Town Planning Board should be discussed.

18. 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.

To be decided

At the meeting on 14 October 2008, Mr CHAN Kam-lam suggested that the item should be discussed as soon as practicable.

The Administration proposes to consult members at the early stage of policy formulation, and would like to seek members' advice on how the Administration should proceed with the subject.

**Proposed timing for
discussion/Remarks**

19. Rural development strategy

At the meeting with Legislative Council Members on 31 October 2006, Heung Yee Kuk 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 Legislative Council Members on 8 November 2007, Heung Yee Kuk 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.

At the Panel meeting on 14 October 2008, Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming suggested that the item should be discussed as soon as practicable. He said that Heung Yee Kuk's concern was about implementation of rural works projects requiring an approving authority beyond the District Council level. Heung Yee Kuk also considered that obsolete land use zonings in rural areas should be reviewed.

At the same meeting, Mr Albert CHAN expressed concern about how to regulate planning in rural areas and suggested that Outline Zoning Plans should be formulated for rural areas.

20. Small House Policy

The subject was proposed by Mr 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

To be decided

**Proposed timing for
discussion/Remarks**

circulated to members on 25 October 2007.

The Administration proposes to consult members at the early stage of policy formulation, and would like to seek members' advice on how the Administration should proceed with the subject.

Council Business Division 1
Legislative Council Secretariat
20 February 2009