

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 18 February 2009)

**Proposed timing for
discussion**

**Policy issues under Commerce and Economic Development
Bureau**

1. Aberdeen Tourism Project

The Government proposes to develop a tourism project in Aberdeen. A business consultant has been engaged to examine the financial viability of the project, and will finalize its recommendations in the first quarter of 2009. The Administration will draw up proposals in the light of the consultant's recommendations, and discuss with members on the way forward in the first half of 2009.

2nd Quarter of 2009

2. Update on the development of a new cruise terminal at Kai Tak

At the meeting on 24 October 2008, the Panel was updated on the development of a new cruise terminal at Kai Tak. According to the relevant Legislative Council Brief, the Administration intends to seek funding approval in 2009 for the site formation works of the new cruise terminal upon finalization of tender documents, and commence the site formation works thereafter.

2nd Quarter of 2009

3. Travel Industry Compensation Fund

The Travel Industry Compensation Fund Management Board (the Board) is considering proposals relating to the Fund to enhance the protection for outbound travellers who join group tours and to facilitate development of the travel trade. The Board plans to launch a consultation exercise in March 2009. The Administration will seek Members' views on the proposals in the 2nd/3rd quarter of 2009.

2nd/3rd Quarter of
2009

4. Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Enhancement Project

With a view to enhancing the attractiveness of Lei Yue Mun (LYM) as a popular tourism spot through further improving the facilities along the LYM waterfront area, the Administration will consult members on the LYM Waterfront Enhancement Project in mid 2009 before seeking funding support from the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) and Finance Committee (FC) in

Mid-2009

2010.

5. Review of consumer protection legislation – public consultation

At the meeting on 25 June 2007, the Administration briefed the Panel that to strengthen the consumer protection regime in Hong Kong, the Consumer Council (CC) would conduct a comprehensive review of existing measures to protect consumer rights, including ways to improve the relevant legislation to combat misleading and deceptive sales practices.

To be confirmed

On 25 February 2008, CC published its findings entitled "Fairness in the Marketplace for Consumers and Business", which recommended that legislative provisions be enacted to combat certain unfair trade practices.

In reply to the Hon Fred LI's oral question at the Council meeting of 4 February 2009, the Administration advised that it was examining CC's recommendations.

Policy issues under Transport and Housing Bureau

6. International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage (Bunkers Convention)

The Administration plans to brief members on the proposed bill to give effect to an international marine environmental convention on compensation regime for covering pollution damage caused by spills of bunker oil from non-tankers.

2nd Quarter of 2009

7. Proposed amendments to the Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Cap 313A); the Merchant Shipping (Registration)(Fees and Charges) Regulations (Cap. 415A); the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 478AB); and the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 548J) to reduce certain marine-related fees and charges

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on amendments to the subsidiary legislation for its fee-reduction proposal.

2nd Quarter of 2009

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8. Review of the regulatory regime of the Air Transport Licensing Authority for our local airlines

The Administration plans to brief members on the outcome of the review and the legislative proposals relating to the Air Transport (Licensing of Air Services) Regulations (Cap 448A).

2nd Quarter of 2009

9. Proposed amendments to legislation relating to the carriage of dangerous goods by air

The Administration proposes to brief members on the legislative amendments which seek to give legal effect to the new requirements to be promulgated by the International Civil Aviation Organization.

2nd Quarter of 2009

10. Proposed development of a government helipad near the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

The Administration briefed the Panel on the "Proposed shared-use of the Government helipad at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre with commercial operators" at the meeting on 25 February 2008. At the meeting, members expressed concern about the proposed shared-use arrangement and urged the Administration to conduct extensive consultation with the stakeholders before taking forward the project. The Administration undertook to consult the relevant Panels on the proposal before submitting the project to PWSC and FC for funding approval.

2nd Quarter of 2009

11. Proposed provision of customs, immigration and quarantine facilities for SkyPier of the Hong Kong International Airport

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the proposal before seeking funding approval from PWSC and FC.

To be confirmed

12. Updates on the detailed feasibility study of the Lantau Logistics Park

Members asked to be kept informed of the development of Lantau Logistics Park (LLP) during the policy briefing by the former Secretary for Economic Development and Labour at the meeting on 23 October 2006 and during the meeting with the Secretary for Transport and Housing (STH) on 22 October 2007.

To be confirmed

On 24 October 2008, the Administration briefed members that it has updated the detailed feasibility study on LLP and will take

forward the requisite statutory procedures in connection with the environmental impact and zoning of the site accordingly.

13. Aviation services

"Co-location" of immigration and customs facilities at Hong Kong International Airport

In order to enhance the competitiveness of the Hong Kong International Airport, views had been expressed that the Government should liaise with the Central People's Government and the relevant authorities with a view to implementing "co-location" of immigration and customs facilities at Hong Kong International Airport.

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 24 January 2005, the Administration advised that co-location of immigration and customs facilities at cross-boundary control points involved complex legal and jurisdiction issues. There was no plan to provide co-location of immigration and customs facilities at SkyPlaza.

14. Proposed subsidiary legislation to prescribe the charges for the cross-boundary heliport at the rooftop of the Hong Kong – Macau Ferry Terminal

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the legislative proposals.

To be confirmed

15. Proposed amendments to the Hong Kong Air Navigation (Fees) Regulations and other fees under the purview of the Civil Aviation Department

The Administration proposes to brief members on the legislative amendments.

To be confirmed

Policy issues under the Environment Bureau

16. There is no outstanding item for discussion.