

Panel on Education

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 5 February 2010)

Proposed timing
for discussion

1. Integrated Student Financial Assistance System

Item proposed by the Administration. The item seeks to have members' support for implementing the Integrated Student Financial Assistance System to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Student Financial Assistance Agency in the administration and delivery of student financial assistance schemes. The system requires a non-recurrent expenditure of \$65.4 million

March 2010

The Administration plans to submit the proposal to the Finance Committee for consideration on 23 April 2010.

2. Final Report of the Study on Small Class Teaching

At the meeting on 11 January 2010, members agreed to discuss and invite deputations to give views on the subject.

To be confirmed
(Subject to the
availability of the
Consultant)

3. Injection into the Language Fund

Item proposed by the Administration. This item seeks to have Members' support for injecting \$300 million into the Language Fund to strengthen the teaching and learning of English in primary and secondary schools.

To be confirmed

4. Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (the Scheme)

The subject was proposed by Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong. Mr CHEUNG was of the view that the objectives and effectiveness of the Scheme were unclear.

To be confirmed

Proposed timing
for discussion

5. Liberal Studies

The subject was discussed at the meeting on 11 July 2009. At the meeting on 15 October 2009, members suggested that the Panel should continue to discuss the subject.

To be confirmed

6. Progress of promotion of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education qualification

At the meeting on 10 November 2008, members agreed to revisit the subject when the results of the study conducted with the Universities and Colleges Admission Services and other international agencies were available.

To be confirmed

7. Exit pathways for students taking the 2010 Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE)

At the meeting on 9 November 2009, members agreed to discuss the exit pathways for students taking the 2010 HKCEE. Members were concerned that in the past, Secondary (S) 5 graduates who were not admitted to S6 classes had the opportunity of repeating S5, as well as re-taking the HKCEE in the following year. However, candidates sitting for the last HKCEE held in 2010 would no longer have such an option.

To be confirmed

8. Trial scheme on school drug testing in Tai Po District (the Scheme) and development of rehabilitation centre-cum-schools

At the meeting on 8 September 2009, the Administration agreed to provide an interim report on the Scheme as well as the estimated additional resources required for downstream services.

To be confirmed

The Panel on Security will discuss the subject of 2008-2009 survey of drug use among students and implementation progress of the trial scheme on school drug testing in Tai Po District at its meeting on 2 March 2010.

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for discussion

9. Education for students with special educational needs (SEN)

In the context of discussing the school leaving arrangements for students with intellectual disability at the various meetings in June and July 2009, members considered that the Panel should discuss the provision of education for students with SEN.

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 15 October 2009, members agreed to follow up the school leaving arrangements for students with intellectual disability.

10. International schools

At the meeting on 15 October 2009, members raised the concern about student enrolment in international schools built on land granted by the Government. Pending the provision of written information from the Administration on the policy concerning proper use of public resources allocated to international schools, the Panel will consider the need to discuss the subject.

To be confirmed

The information paper provided by the Administration was circulated to members on 2 December 2009 vide LC Paper No. CB(2)429/09-10. The Chairman considered it necessary to discuss the subject.