

Panel on Economic Development

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 12 October 2009)

Subject (Date of meeting)	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
<p>1. Update on the development of a new cruise terminal at Kai Tak (24 October 2008 and 25 May 2009)</p> <p>Alternative berthing arrangements for cruise vessels (23 July 2009)</p>	<p>At the meeting on 24 October 2008, the Panel was consulted on the proposal for retention of a supernumerary post of an Administrative Officer Staff Grade C in the Tourism Commission until 31 December 2014 to oversee the implementation of the cruise terminal project at Kai Tak. When the Establishment Subcommittee (ESC) considered this staffing proposal at its meeting on 26 November 2008, ESC members asked the Administration to review the need for retaining the post through regular reports to the Panel on the progress of the cruise terminal project. The Administration has been requested to provide regular reports on a half-yearly basis in every June and December, and to brief the Panel when necessary.</p> <p>At the meeting on 23 July 2009, Hon Albert CHAN requested the Administration to provide a response to his suggestion of designating China Merchants Wharf to provide alternative berthing for cruise vessels of 30 000 tons or less and a terminal in Kwai Chung for bigger vessels so that the facilities could be beefed up accordingly.</p>	<p>The Administration:</p> <p>- updated the Panel on the development of the cruise terminal project at the meeting on 25 May 2009 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1624/ 08-09(03)).</p> <p>The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members on 24 August 2009 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2504/08-09(02).</p>
<p>2. Proposed expansion of Hong Kong Disneyland (HKD) (30 June, 4 and 10 July 2009)</p>	<p>At the meeting on 30 June 2009, the Administration was requested to provide information on Government investment in HKD project and overall financial performance of the joint-venture, conversion of subordinated shares to ordinary shares, interest on the Government loan and Government's share of the dividends on equity in the joint-venture, and calculation of management fee.</p> <p>At the meeting on 4 July 2009, the Panel requested the Administration to</p>	<p>The information provided by the Administration was circulated on 3 July 2009 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2144/08-09(02).</p> <p>The information provided by the</p>

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	provide information on Government investment and capital expenditure on HKD project, financial arrangements for other Disney theme parks, disclosure of information, calculation of management fee, depreciation and amortization, park management and economic benefits.	Administration was circulated on 9 July 2009 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2206/08-09(02).
<p>3. Promoting cooperation between Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta Region in respect of economic development and environmental protection</p> <p>(15 July 2009)</p>	<p>At the meeting on 15 July 2009, members requested the Administration to provide information on</p> <p>(a) container throughput and number of shipping calls for Hong Kong Port and Shenzhen Port, and air cargo handled by Hong Kong and Shenzhen; and</p> <p>(b) the plan of China National Offshore Oil Corporation to develop a petrochemical factory in Huizhou.</p> <p>(c) the Administration's response to the concerns raised at the meeting between the LegCo delegation and Hong Kong businessmen operating in PRD hosted by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong held on 15 May 2009.</p>	<p>The information provided by the Administration was circulated on 20 August 2009 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2499/08-09(01).</p> <p>The information provided by the Administration was circulated on 4 September 2009 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2557/08-09(01).</p> <p>The Administration to provide the written response when ready.</p>
<p>4. Operation of Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong (TIC)</p> <p>(16 July 2009)</p>	<p>At the meeting on 16 July 2009, the Panel passed a motion urging the Administration to conduct a thorough review of the structure, fees and relevant arrangements of TIC, including whether it should become a statutory organization and be subject to value-for-money audits, and to provide legal advice on whether the present licensing arrangements for travel agents were in breach of the Basic Law. The Administration was</p>	<p>The Administration to report the outcome of review in six months' time.</p>

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	<p>also requested to provide a written response to address members' concerns about the transparency of TIC's operation, employee representation in its board of directors, and the power of TIC in imposing penalties.</p> <p>At the same meeting, members requested TIC to provide information on the access to the minutes of TIC Board on the TIC website.</p>	<p>The written response provided by TIC was circulated on 17 July 2009 vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 2310/08-09(02).</p>
<p>5. Ocean Park's plan to increase ticket prices (23 July 2009)</p>	<p>At the meeting on 23 July 2009, the Panel passed a motion urging the Ocean Park Corporation (OPC) to, inter alia, immediately withdraw its decision to increase ticket prices.</p> <p>The Administration was requested to provide the rationale behind its consideration of charging OPC the fixed interest rate of 5% per annum for the Government loan for a period of 25 years, and to project the extent of price adjustment after the interest rate was reduced.</p>	<p>The Administration informed the Panel that OPC decided to defer the price adjustment from 1 August to 9 October 2009 vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1)2395/08-09(01) and CB(1)2585/08-09(01) issued on 30 July and 11 September 2009 respectively. The Administration's response to the motion was also circulated to members on 24 August 2009 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2504/08-09(01).</p> <p>The information provided by the Administration was circulated on 24 August 2009 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2504/08-09(01).</p>

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	Hon WONG Ting-kwong requested OPC to provide information on the details of the types of concessionary tickets currently offered and the subsequent changes on the prices of these tickets after increasing the ticket prices.	The information provided by OPC was circulated to members on 22 September 2009 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2636/08-09(01).

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