

List of outstanding items for discussion
(as at 12 October 2009)

**Proposed timing
for discussion at
Panel meeting**

1. Progress of the Administration's action plan on recommendations in the reports prepared by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) and the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) on the Lehman Brothers Minibonds Incident

The Administration briefed the Panel at its meetings held on 2 and 23 February 2009 on the reports prepared by SFC and HKMA on the Lehman Brothers Minibonds Incident and the Administration's action plan to take forward the recommendations in the reports. As part of the improvement measures under the initial phase of the action plan, SFC released on 25 September 2009 a consultation paper on proposals to enhance protection for the investing public. The Administration proposes to brief the Panel on the progress of the action plan, including SFC's consultation paper, at the regular meeting of the Panel in November 2009.

November 2009

2. The roles and operation of the Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited (HKMC)

At the special meeting of the Panel on 21 May 2009, and in her letter dated 1 June 2009 to the Panel Chairman, Hon Mrs Regina IP expressed concern about the investment strategy and remuneration policies of HKMC. Members agreed at the meeting in 1 June 2009 that the subject be placed on the Panel list of outstanding items for discussion. Mrs IP's letter and the Administration's written response were circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2055/08-09 on 26 June 2009.

November 2009

Noting the Administration's response, Mrs IP raised further queries on the issue in her letter dated 2 September 2009. The Administration was requested to provide a further written response. At the request of Mrs IP, the Panel will consider scheduling the item for discussion at the regular meeting of the Panel in November 2009.

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**3. Hong Kong's participation in Chiang Mai Initiative
Multilateralization**

The Administration proposes to brief the Panel on Hong Kong's participation in Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralization, a regional financial co-operation initiative.

November 2009

4. Briefing on the work of HKMA

The Chief Executive of HKMA briefs the Panel on the work of HKMA on a regular basis. Such briefings are normally held in February, May and November each year.

November 2009
February 2010
May 2010

**5. Briefing by the Financial Secretary (FS) on Hong Kong's
latest overall economic situation**

The Panel has invited FS to brief the Panel and all other Legislative Council (LegCo) Members on macro economic issues on a regular basis since mid-1999. Such briefings are normally held in June and December each year.

December 2009
June 2010

6. 2010-2011 Budget consultation

FS will consult the LegCo on the 2010-2011 Budget.

December 2009

7. Budget of SFC for the financial year of 2010 – 2011

In line with the usual practice, SFC will brief the Panel on its budget for the coming financial year in late February or early March.

1st quarter of
2010

**8. Proposed establishment of an independent Insurance
Authority (IA)**

The Administration proposes to consult the Panel on the proposals for establishing an independent IA including its functions and powers, governance structure, organization framework and funding mechanism.

2nd quarter of
2010

**9. Policy response to the review of HKMA's work on
banking stability**

HKMA will brief the Panel on the policy response to the

To be confirmed

review report.

10. **Enhancing deposit protection under the Deposit Protection Scheme**

The Hong Kong Deposit Protection Board (the Board) briefed the Panel on the public consultation on enhancing deposit protection under the Deposit Protection Scheme (DPS) at its meeting held on 1 June 2009. The Board provided a report on the public consultation and a consultation paper on strengthening the operation of DPS in August 2009 (LC Paper No. CB(1)2491/08-09).

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11. **Review of the "abscondee" regime under the Bankruptcy Ordinance (Cap.6) (BO)**

In the course of deliberation, members of the Bills Committee on Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2007 were advised by the Administration of its plan to review the "abscondee" regime (i.e. bankrupts who left Hong Kong and could not be contacted) under BO. The Administration further advised that taking into account the policy content involved in the review, and the fact that more time would be needed to study the issue and conduct necessary research into relevant developments in other common law jurisdictions and consultations, it was not appropriate or possible to include legislative amendment proposals with respect to the "abscondee" regime as a whole in the Bill. Any proposed legislative amendments to the "abscondee" regime should be taken forward in a separate exercise.

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Members of the Bills Committee were concerned about the timeframe for introducing the proposed legislative amendments to the "abscondee" regime and whether public consultation would be conducted. The Bills Committee agreed that the issues should be referred to the Panel for follow-up. The Administration subsequently advised that it was in the process of conducting a research on the "abscondee" regime. Depending on the results of the research in 2009, it will then be in a better position to assess the scope of necessary amendments to BO and the likely timing to pursue such amendments.

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12. Proposed establishment of Policyholders' Protection Fund (PPF)

The Panel was briefed on the proposed framework for the establishment of PPF at the meeting on 6 July 2009. The Administration proposes to consult the Panel on detailed proposals of PPF including the scope of coverage, the levy rates and the corresponding levels of compensation, compensation limits and the target fund size, the governance framework as well as other detailed operational arrangements.

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