

Panel on Home Affairs

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(as at 9 June 2010)**

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. Setting up an intermediary body for the effective enforcement of maintenance orders

At the regular meeting on 13 November 2009, the Administration agreed to provide an information paper and brief the Panel at its meeting in December 2009 on the implementation of the improvement measures to help maintenance payees to collect maintenance payments before a decision was made on the deletion of the item, as requested by Hon Cyd HO.

June 2010

At the meeting on 11 December 2009, members expressed disappointment over the lack of progress in the implementation of legislative and administrative measures for strengthening the enforcement of maintenance orders by the Administration. In the absence of effective legislative and administrative measures, members reiterated the need for the Administration to re-consider the option of establishing an intermediary body to collect and enforce maintenance payments, which in their view was the ultimate solution to resolving issues of default by maintenance payers. Members requested the Administration to further review the problems encountered by maintenance payees, make recommendations to resolve these problems and devise a timetable for implementing these measures. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel in about three months.

2. Regulating of karting facilities

At the meeting on 9 April 2010, members agreed to Hon KAM Nai-wai's suggestion for the discussion of the Government policy in the operation and regulation of karting facilities in June 2010.

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3. Regulating of internet cafes

At the meeting on 9 April 2010, members agreed to Hon WONG Kwok-hing's suggestion for the discussion of the regulation of internet cafes in June 2010.

June 2010

4. Review on the financial assistance to Mutual Aid Committees

At the meeting on 15 October 2009, Hon WONG Kwok-hing suggested that the Administration should review its support to Mutual Aid Committees (MACs) which played an important role in district management.

June 2010

During the discussion of the proposal to grant an honorarium to village representatives at the meeting on 11 December 2009, members considered that the Administration should also give due recognition to the services and contributions of MACs to the local community, particularly in the area of building management. Members agreed that issues relating to enhancing support for MACs should be further discussed by the Panel.

At the meeting on 9 April 2010, the Administration sought members' view on the proposed review on financial assistance to MACs. The Administration undertook to revert to the Panel on the findings of the review at its meeting in June 2010.

5. Development of public library services

At the regular meeting on 9 April 2010, members agreed that a special meeting should be arranged to exchange views with members of the Public Library Advisory Committee on the development of library services, as suggested by Hon Emily LAU and Hon WONG Kwok-hing.

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6. Implementation of recommendations of the 2006 District Council (DC) Review

Following a preliminary review on the subject at the Panel meeting on 13 February 2009, members considered that the implementation of recommendations of the 2006 DC Review

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(including the progress of the District Minor Works projects) should be further discussed towards the end of 2009, i.e. two years after the full implementation of the recommendation of the Review. Hon IP Kwok-him suggested that senior officials of the relevant Bureaux should be invited to attend the meeting. At the Panel meeting on 20 March 2009, members agreed that the opportunity might also be taken to discuss issues relating to the construction of civic centres, such as the new Tai Po Civic Centre, as deemed necessary.

At the meeting on 14 May 2010, members agreed to include in the discussion the remuneration package of DC members.

Note: The issue of having a new civic centre in Tai Po was followed up by the District Facilities Management Committee under the Tai Po District Council (TPDC(DFMC)). As a new cross-district civic centre would be constructed in the North District which would also serve Tai Po, the proposal of constructing a new Tai Po Civic Centre at Plover Cove Road, Area 1, was shelved. The site has been earmarked for the provisioning of "G, I/C" facilities including a community hall, a sports centre (with a 25m x 25m indoor heated swimming pool) and two 7-1-side soccer pitches in consultation with TPDC(DFMC). LCSD is the lead department and has also agreed to upgrade the existing Tai Po Civic Centre. Moreover, the Administration has commenced a review of the implementation of the District Minor Works projects and the mode of organizing community involvement programmes. We shall engage District Council members in the coming months.

7. The Role of Home Affairs Department in dealing with disputes under the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344) and Regulation of property management companies

At the LegCo Members' meeting with members of the Eastern District Council held on 12 March 2009, a district council member suggested the Administration to review the role of the Home Affairs Department under the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344) in dealing with disputes between owners and the Owners' Corporations. Members attending the meeting agreed that the matter should be referred to this Panel for follow up.

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At the informal meeting on 9 November 2009, the Administration suggested that the item should be discussed in June 2010 as it would need more time to study this issue.

The Panel received a briefing by the Administration on the findings of the first phase of a consultancy study at its meeting on 4 July 2008. The Panel agreed to follow up on this issue. The Administration indicated at the informal meeting on 9 November 2009 that it would brief members on the progress of the second phase consultancy study on the regulation of property management companies in the third quarter of 2010.

Note : the Administration proposes that the two items of "HAD's roles in dealing with disputes under BMO" and "Regulation of property management companies" be merged, as disputes over building management matters frequently involve not only owners and Owners' Corporations (OCs) but also property management companies.

8. Community development services

At the regular meeting on 13 November 2009, Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che suggested that the provision of community development services, in particular those services provided by the Home Affairs Department in collaboration with the welfare sector, should be discussed.

To be confirmed

9. Monitoring of unlicensed hotels and guesthouses

At the regular meeting on 11 December 2009, Hon Paul TSE suggested and the Panel agreed the deferral of the discussion on the item.

To be confirmed

10. Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation

At the regular meeting on 14 May 2010, Hon KAM Nai-wai suggested that initiatives under the purview of Home Affairs Bureau in the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation should be discussed.

To be confirmed

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11. Manpower support for District Offices to promote district administration and building management

At the regular meeting on 14 May 2010, Hon WONG Kwok-hing considered that the Home Affairs Department should strengthen the establishment of Liaison Officers, particularly in view of the implementation of Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme and Mandatory Windows Inspection Scheme. Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che suggested that manpower support for district administration in District Offices should also be discussed.

To be confirmed

12. Bidding for the 2019 Asian Games

At the regular meeting on 14 May 2010, Hon KAM Nai-wai considered that the bidding for the hosting of the 2019 Asian Games should be discussed.

To be confirmed

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