

Panel on Development

List of outstanding items for discussion

(Position as at 19 January 2011)

Proposed timing for discussion/Remarks

1. Development of Greening Master Plans for the New Territories

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the work plan of the Civil Engineering and Development Department for the development of Greening Master Plans for the New Territories and the outcome of the Department's consultation with the District Councils in the New Territories on its proposed approach to the initiative.

February 2011

2. An update on the construction manpower in Hong Kong

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the latest manpower situation of construction industry in Hong Kong including the progress of commencing public infrastructure projects after funding approval, recent trends in construction cost/ tender prices of public works projects, manpower situation in the construction sector, the latest efforts of the Construction Industry Council to enhance the supply of construction manpower, publicity and promotion activities, the initiative to provide uniform to site personnel.

February 2011

3. Revitalization of industrial buildings

The subject was proposed by Miss Tanya CHAN at the Panel meeting on 14 October 2010. She was concerned about the progress of implementation of this initiative.

March 2011

Proposed timing for discussion/Remarks

4. Proposed amendments to Building (Standards of Sanitary Fitments, Plumbing, Drainage Works and Latrines) Regulations

The Administration intends to introduce to members the proposed amendments to the Building (Standards of Sanitary Fitments, Plumbing, Drainage Works and Latrines) Regulations, including the provision of female sanitary facilities. The Administration intends to submit the subsidiary legislation in due course.

1st Quarter 2011

5. Seismic effects on buildings in Hong Kong

The Administration intends to introduce to members the recommendations of the Buildings Department's consultancy study on seismic effects on buildings in Hong Kong and the proposed way forward. The Administration intends to submit the subsidiary legislation in due course.

1st Quarter 2011

6. North East New Territories New Development Areas Planning and Engineering Study

The subject was proposed by Mr LEE Wing-tat. He expressed concern about the proposed comprehensive development and nature conservation enhancement area in the Kwu Tung North New Development Area Preliminary Outline Development Plan.

1st Quarter 2011

The Panel discussed the subject of "Planning and Engineering Study on North East New Territories New Development Areas (NENT NDAs) (Stage One Public Engagement)" at the meeting on 25 November 2008. The Administration briefed the Panel on the Preliminary Outline Development Plans in the Stage Two Public Engagement at the meeting on 24 November 2009.

**Proposed timing for
discussion/Remarks**

The Administration provided an update on the NENT NDAs Planning and Engineering Study in its supplementary note on the Planning and Engineering Study on Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop – Investigation – Stage One Public Engagement (LC Paper No. CB(1)735/10-11(04)) in December 2010.

7. Leakage problem of water mains in public housing estates

The subject was proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing in a letter to the Chairman dated 18 November 2010. The proposal was discussed at the meeting of the Panel on 23 November 2010 and supported. The Audit Commission has conducted a review to examine the Water Supplies Department's management of burst and leaks in the water supply and distribution systems and published its recommendations in Report No. 55 of the Director of Audit's Report (tabled in the Legislative Council on 17 November 2010).

To be decided

8. Review of the functions of the Town Planning Board and related issues

At the meeting with Legislative Council Members on 29 November 2005, Heung Yee Kuk Councillors raised concern about the mechanism to check and balance the powers of the Town Planning Board. The relevant extract from the minutes of the meeting was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)700/05-06 on 13 January 2006.

To be decided
(*Note*)

At the Panel meeting on 14 October 2008, Miss Tanya CHAN, Ms Cyd HO and Mr Abraham SHEK expressed views that issues related to the review of the functions of the Town Planning Board, town planning procedures, and secretariat support for the Town Planning Board should be discussed.

**Proposed timing for
discussion/Remarks**

Note: The Administration has advised that review of the Town Planning Ordinance is not a priority of the Development Bureau and thus has not been factored into its current work plan.

9. Small House Policy

The subject was proposed by Mr CHAN Kam-lam at the meeting on 11 October 2007. A letter from the Chief Secretary for Administration in reply to the Public Accounts Committee (LC Paper No. CB(1)130/07-08(01)) providing information about the progress of the Small House Policy review was circulated to members on 25 October 2007.

To be decided
(*Note*)

At the meeting with Legislative Council Members on 8 January 2009, Heung Yee Kuk Councillors raised concern about the arrangements regarding Small House applications by descendents of indigenous villagers after village removal. The relevant documents (LC Paper No. CB(1)935/08-09(02)) were circulated to members on 2 March 2009.

Note: The Administration has advised that more time is required for its internal deliberation on the subject and thus it would not be ready to discuss the subject in the near future.