

Panel on Education

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 10 March 2011)

Proposed timing
for discussion

1. Review of Examination Fee Remission Scheme

Item proposed by the Administration. The item seeks members' views on the proposals to improve the operation of the Examination Fee Remission Scheme in the light of the implementation of the new Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination in 2011-2012.

11 April 2011

The Administration intends to submit the above proposal to the Finance Committee ("FC") on 13 May 2011.

2. Arts education in schools

At the meeting on 14 October 2010, members raised the concern about the provision of resources for implementing arts education in primary and secondary schools. Members proposed to hold a joint meeting with the Panel on Home Affairs as the subject also fell within its purview.

May 2011

3. Revitalizing vacant school premises

Tai Po District Council members raised concern about revitalizing vacant school premises in Tai Po at its meeting with Legislative Council Members held on 3 June 2010. Members had made several suggestions concerning the effective use of vacant school premises and agreed that the subject of use of vacant school premises be referred to the Panel as well as the Panel on Home Affairs for follow up. The referral memo was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2197/09-10 on 24 August 2010.

May/June 2011

Proposed timing
for discussion

The Administration will brief members on the progress of disposing vacant school premises for school and educational uses as well as the mechanism for releasing premises for other non-educational uses.

4. Progress on the implementation of the new academic structure ('NAS')

Item proposed by the Administration. The Administration will report on the progress on the learning and assessment under the NAS (students' subject choices, school-based assessment, etc), issues related to interface with post-secondary and university education, support for schools, communication with various stakeholders, international recognition and evaluation and monitoring.

June 2011

Members considered it necessary to discuss the issues concerning the marking of the examination papers of Liberal Studies. It is proposed that the subject should be discussed in the context.

At the meeting on 10 January 2011, members requested the Administration to advance the discussion of the subject.

5. Review of Non-means-tested Loan Schemes – Stage II Public Consultation

Item proposed by the Administration. Phase 1 of the public consultation ended on 15 June 2010. The item seeks members' views on the proposals to improve the operation of the loan schemes for further consultation with the public under Phase 2.

2nd quarter of
2011

Proposed timing
for discussion

6. Governance and administration of Direct Subsidy Scheme ("DSS") Schools

At the meeting on 14 February 2011, members agreed that the Panel would discuss the way forward for following up issues relating to DDS Schools.

To be
confirmed

Members considered it necessary to discuss the pedagogy for Liberal Studies and the complaint handling mechanism in DSS schools in the context.

7. Debundling of textbooks and teaching and learning resources for pricing

At the meeting on 14 February 2011, members considered it necessary to discuss the debundling of textbooks and teaching and learning resources for pricing. Members agreed that textbook publishers, school representatives and relevant stakeholders should be invited to give views on the subject.

To be
confirmed

8. Pre-primary Education Voucher Scheme ("PEVS")

At the special meeting on 17 December 2010, members requested the Administration to report to the Panel on its consideration of the recommendations made in the Report on Review of the PEVS. Members reiterated the request at the meeting on 14 February 2011.

To be
confirmed

9. Issues relating to the relocation of the centres of the Christian Zheng Sheng Association and development of rehabilitation centre-cum-schools

The Administration provided an information paper on the matter which was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2322/09-10 on 30 September 2010.

To be
confirmed

Proposed timing
for discussion

At the meeting on 12 July 2010, members agreed that the Panel should discuss the matter depending on the progress of the Administration's discussion with Christian Zheng Sheng Association ("CZSA").

At the meeting on 14 February 2011, the Panel passed a motion requesting the Administration to solve in the near future the problem concerning the relocation of the drug treatment and rehabilitation centres of CZSA.

10. Internet Learning Support Programme

Item proposed by the Administration. The Administration will update members on the latest development of the five-year Internet Learning Support Programme in helping needy students and parents from low-income families to gain access to the Internet for learning by providing economical Internet access services, suitable computers and necessary complementary services such as training and technical support.

To be
confirmed

11. Grievance procedures of the University Grants Committee-funded institutions

At the meeting on 12 July 2010, the UGC briefed members on the guidelines of best practices in redress mechanisms developed by the UGC having regard to the findings of the research on grievance procedures of 10 reputable overseas institutions and the responses of local institutions to these best practices. Members requested the UGC to provide updated complaint/grievance handling flow charts of individual institutions and the institutions' responses to the UGC's recommendations for the Panel to follow up.

To be
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The research report entitled "Complaint handling mechanism in higher education sector in selected places" prepared by the Research and Library Services Division of the Legislative Council Secretariat was circulated to members on 13 October 2010 vide LC Paper No. CB(2)32/10-11.

12. Matters relating to sex education in schools and sex crime committed by teachers

The subject on sex education in schools was proposed in the 2009-2010 session. It was proposed that schools should include sex education in the curriculum so as to provide correct information on sex to students.

To be
confirmed

At the meeting on 8 November 2010, members raised concern about sex crime committed by teachers and suggested that the Panel should discuss the matter.

13. International schools

At the meeting on 15 October 2009, members raised concern about student enrolment in international schools built on land granted by the Government. The Administration provided an information paper on the subject which was circulated to members on 2 December 2009 vide LC Paper No. CB(2)429/09-10.

To be
confirmed

The Administration advised that to facilitate monitoring of the provision of public resources to international schools, it would conduct a comprehensive survey in the international school sector and keep track of the supply and demand of international school places. The Administration will brief the Panel upon the completion of the survey in 2011.

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14. Integrated education

At the meeting on 14 October 2010, members agreed to follow up the provision of support and resources for the implementation of integrated education in mainstream schools.

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