

**Panel on Education**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**  
(position as at 8 April 2011)

Proposed timing  
for discussion

**1. Enhancement of assistance provided by the Student Financial Assistance Agency to needy students**

Item proposed by the Administration. The item seeks members' views on the proposals to relax the means test for the financial assistance schemes administered by the Student Financial Assistance Agency ("SFAA") and to enhance assistance provided to post-secondary students as announced in the 2011-12 Budget for implementation from the 2011-2012 academic year -

9 May 2011

- (a) increase the income threshold for full level of assistance so that more low-income families passing the means test of SFAA can receive full level of assistance;
- (b) adjust the tiers of assistance for post-secondary students so that the students concerned receiving less than full assistance can receive a higher amount of assistance; and
- (c) provide an additional academic expenses grant at a maximum amount of \$1,000 per year for eligible post-secondary students for them to acquire, enhance or replace the necessary study aids including computer and related equipment.

The Administration intends to submit the above proposal to the Finance Committee ("FC") on 27 May 2011.

Proposed timing  
for discussion

**2. Injection into HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund**

Item proposed by the Administration. As announced in the 2011-2012 Budget, the Administration proposed to inject \$250 million into the HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund to provide government scholarships to students enrolled in full-time publicly-funded sub-degree programmes. Subject to FC's approval, it is intended that the first batch of scholarships will be awarded in the 2011-2012 academic year.

9 May 2011

The Administration intends to submit the above proposal to FC on 10 June 2011.

**3. Mainland Experience Scheme for Post-secondary Students**

Item proposed by the Administration. As announced in the 2011-2012 Budget, the Administration proposed to allocate \$100 million to launch a five-year pilot Mainland Experience Scheme for Post-secondary Students to subsidise on a matching basis post-secondary students participating in short-term internship or learning programmes in the Mainland. Subject to FC's approval, it is intended that the Scheme will be launched in the second half of 2011.

9 May 2011

The Administration intends to submit the above proposal to FC on 10 June 2011.

**4. 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

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for discussion

**5. 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.

June 2011

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.

**6. 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.

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**7. 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.

June/July 2011

**8. 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

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

At the meeting on 14 March 2011, members agreed that the Panel would discuss the following issues relating to DSS schools -

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confirmed

- (a) school fee remission/scholarship schemes;
- (b) student admission;
- (c) revision of school fee; and
- (d) governance, administration and financial management of DSS schools.

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

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**10. Report on the Higher Education Review 2010**

At the meeting on 14 March 2011, members considered it necessary to discuss the views and concerns of the deputations on the Report and the Administration's response in this regard.

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**11. 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.

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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. In its written response to the motion which was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1413/10-11 on 31 March 2011, the Administration advised that the Security Bureau is taking the lead in coordinating matters relating to the relocation of the drug treatment and rehabilitation centers of CZSA. The Administration also provided in its response a brief update on the Christian Zheng Sheng College's application for operating New Senior Secondary courses at its existing school premises in Ha Keng.

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**12. 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.

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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.

**13. 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.

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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.

**14. 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.

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confirmed

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for discussion

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.

### **15. 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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confirmed

### **16. 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.

Proposed to be  
deleted

The Internet Learning Support Programme was discussed at the meeting of the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting on 14 March 2011 and members of the Panel on Education had been invited to join the discussion of the item. The Administration has proposed that the item be deleted from the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.