

Panel on Education

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 11 October 2010)

Proposed timing
for discussion

1. **Grant to support the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority ("HKEAA") for continual rental of onscreen marking centre on Hong Kong Island, and for running the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination ("HKCEE") and the Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination ("HKALE") for private candidates in 2011 and 2013 respectively**

Item proposed by the Administration. A commitment was created in June 2006 for HKEAA to establish an onscreen marking centre on HK Island for four years taking into account a reasonable time required to realize a long-term accommodation plan for HKEAA which includes the establishment of a permanent HK Island onscreen marking centre. The grant was fully spent in June 2010. As the long term accommodation plan is not yet realized, an increase in the commitment is required for continual rental of the onscreen marking centre on Hong Kong Island.

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With the implementation of the new academic structure and the launch of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination in 2012, the last cohort of students had sat/will sit for the HKCEE and HKALE in 2010 and 2012 respectively. A tailor made HKCEE will be run for private candidates in 2011 and likewise for HKALE in 2013. As the candidatures for these examinations will be small, the income from the examination fees cannot cover the cost which will not decrease proportionately. Funding support from the Government is required.

The Administration intends to submit the above proposal to the Finance Committee for consideration on 17 December 2010.

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2. Grievance procedures of the University Grants Committee ("UGC")-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 confirmed

3. Issues relating to the relocation of the centres of the Christian Zheng Sheng Association ("CZSA") and the provision of school places on Islands

At the meeting on 12 July 2010, members agreed that having regard to the latest position of the reprovisioning of the drug treatment and rehabilitation centres of CZSA, the special meeting originally scheduled for 22 July 2010 to discuss the matter should be cancelled. Members also agreed that depending on the progress of the matter, the Panel would decide whether a special meeting should be held in early October 2010. It was proposed that the provision of secondary school places on Islands should be considered in the context.

To be confirmed

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.

4. Trial scheme on school drug testing in Tai Po District ("the Scheme") and development of rehabilitation centre-cum-schools

The Panel discussed the subject at its meetings on 8 September 2009.

To be confirmed

The Panel on Security discussed implementation progress of the trial scheme on school drug testing in Tai Po District at its meeting on 2 March 2010.

As the focus of discussion of the Panel on Security was different from that of the Panel on Education, members considered that the two Panels should follow up the subject from different perspectives. Members agreed at the meeting on 8 February 2010 to discuss the Scheme at a later stage after it had been implemented for a longer period.

5. Matters relating to sex education in schools

The subject was proposed by Ms Starry LEE. Ms LEE was of the view that schools should include sex education in the curriculum so as to provide correct information on sex to students.

To be confirmed

6. 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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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.

7. 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.

To be confirmed

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