

Panel on Economic Development

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 13 April 2011)

**Proposed
timing for
discussion**

**Policy issues under Commerce and Economic Development
Bureau**

1. Funding proposal for the replacement of a storm detecting weather radar of the Hong Kong Observatory at Tate's Cairn

The Administration intends to seek funding approval for replacing the storm detecting weather radar at Tate's Cairn to sustain and enhance the monitoring and warning of severe weather.

23 May 2011

2. Funding proposal for the construction of a station for the new weather radar of the Hong Kong Observatory

The Hong Kong Observatory is acquiring replacement weather radar that provides windshear alerts. The Administration intends to seek, in due course, funding approval for constructing a station housing the new radar. A related submission from a concern group and the Administration's response have been issued for members' information on 31 August 2010 vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1)2786/09-10(01) and (02).

Second half of
2011

3. Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Enhancement Project

With a view to enhancing the attractiveness of Lei Yue Mun (LYM) as a popular tourism spot through further improving the facilities along the LYM waterfront area, the Administration will consult members on the LYM Waterfront Enhancement Project and seek the Panel's support for the proposal.

To be confirmed

4. Review of the Operation and Regulatory Framework of the Tourism Sector in Hong Kong

Last discussed on 28 February 2011. The Administration plans to launch a two to three-month public and trade consultation in April and announce the proposals in the fourth quarter of 2011.

To be confirmed

5. Manpower resources for overseeing consumer protection policies

The Administration intends to consult members on the manpower resources requirements for overseeing consumer protection policies.

To be confirmed

6. Overall planning of tourism infrastructures

At the meeting of the Panel on Development (DEV Panel) on 14 October 2010, Hon Paul TSE cited the effort of the government of Singapore in the recent development of Sentosa into a tourist attraction as an example and commented that the Administration should not rely on the initiatives of the commercial sector for the long-term planning of tourism infrastructures but take the lead in the overall planning of tourism infrastructure in Hong Kong.

To be confirmed

The Chairman of the Panel on Economic Development agreed to include the item in this list as planning of tourism infrastructure is led by the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and should be discussed at the Panel on Economic Development.

7. Annual Report 2009-2010 of the Competition Policy Advisory Group

On 17 December 2010, the Competition Policy Advisory Group published its 12th annual report which reviewed the complaints received in 2009-2010 and outlined the progress of investigation and follow-up actions taken. Hon Emily LAU suggested to include the item on the list for discussion.

To be confirmed

Policy issues under Transport and Housing Bureau**8. Proposed amendments to legislation relating to the carriage of dangerous goods by air**

The Administration plans to brief Panel members on the proposed legislative amendments which seek to implement the latest requirements promulgated by the International Civil Aviation Organization.

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9. Development of a logistics cluster in Kwai Tsing area

During the policy briefing at the Panel meetings on 16 October 2009 and 15 October 2010, members noted that the Administration would make available permanent sites around the Kwai Tsing area for development of a logistics cluster, while keeping in view the development of the Lantau Logistics Park (LLP). The sites will be gradually released from 2010 onwards. The Administration has been requested to update members on the progress of development of the logistics cluster and LLP in due course.

June 2011

10. Hong Kong International Airport Master Plan 2030

The Administration plans to brief the Panel on the outcome of the Hong Kong Airport Master Plan 2030 Study.

2nd Quarter of
2011

At the meeting on 28 March 2011, Panel members requested the Administration to include the following information during the briefing:

- (a) different views on the development of the third runway received during consultation;
- (b) financial arrangements
- (c) environmental concerns; and
- (d) the effect of the third runway on the economic development of Hong Kong, including its competitiveness as an aviation hub.

11. Proposed enactment of a new regulation under the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance and amendments to other existing regulations

The International Labour Organization (ILO) adopted the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC 2006) to consolidate and update over 60 ILO instruments relating to the working conditions and welfare of seafarers. MLC 2006 is expected to commence operation 12 months after 30 countries have ratified it. The Administration proposes to update the relevant local legislation to prepare for the implementation of MLC 2006.

Second Half of
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12. Implementing the National Twelfth Five-year Plan: Logistics Development

At the meeting on 28 March 2011, Hon Miriam LAU requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the implementation of the National Twelfth Five-year (12-5) Plan, in particular further development of Hong Kong as a shipping centre and logistics hub.

To be confirmed

12. Proposed provision of customs, immigration and quarantine facilities for SkyPier of the Hong Kong International Airport

The Administration plans to brief the Panel on the proposal before seeking funding approval from the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee.

To be confirmed

13. Development of seaplane service and mooring areas for pleasure vessels

At the meeting on 15 October 2009, Hon Albert CHAN requested the Administration to explore and discuss with the Panel the development of seaplane service between Hong Kong and other cities in the region, as well as the provision of more mooring areas for pleasure vessels, having regard to the demand for the facilities and in the light of overseas experiences.

To be confirmed