

Panel on Economic Development

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 14 October 2010)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

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

**1. Proposed amendments to Pyramid Selling Prohibition Ordinance
(Cap. 355)**

At the Panel meeting on 24 May 2010, the Administration has undertaken to consult the Panel after it has reviewed Pyramid Selling Prohibition Ordinance (Cap. 355).

October 2010

**2. Enhancing regulation of the receiving arrangement of the
Mainland inbound tour groups**

The Administration plans to brief members on Government's proposal to enhance regulation of the receiving arrangement of the Mainland inbound tour groups.

November 2010

3. Update on Hong Kong Disneyland

The Administration intends to brief members on the operation of the Hong Kong Disneyland in 2009-2010.

January 2011

4. Hong Kong Tourism Board Work Plan for 2011-2012

The Administration will present the work plan of the Hong Kong Tourism Board for 2011-2012 and brief the Panel on the overview of Hong Kong tourism industry in 2010 and the outlook of 2011.

January 2011

5. Proposals to strengthen consumer protection legislation

The Panel was briefed on the proposals to strengthen consumer protection legislation at the meeting on 24 May 2010. A public consultation on the proposals was launched on 15 July 2010 and will end on 31 October 2010. At the aforesaid meeting, the Panel agreed that it might consider meeting with deputations, where necessary, to gauge their views on the consultation paper.

To be confirmed

6. Aberdeen Tourism Project

At the meeting on 27 April 2009, the Administration proposed to undertake the beautification works of the Aberdeen promenade first, while other elements of the conceptual plan of the Aberdeen Tourism

To be confirmed

Project, including proposed restaurant facilities at the wholesale fish market, would be further studied. The Panel passed a motion urging the Government to re-consider its decision and implement the Project as soon as possible.

The Administration plans to brief the Panel on the improvement works for the promenades on both sides of the Aberdeen Harbour and Ap Lei Chau Main Street and adjacent streets before seeking funding approval from Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) and the Finance Committee (FC).

7. 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

8. 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

9. 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).

To be confirmed

10. Review of the operation of the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong (TIC)

At the meeting on 16 July 2009, the Panel passed a motion urging the Government to conduct a thorough review of the structure, functions, fees and relevant arrangements of TIC. The Administration presented the outcome of the review to the Panel at the meeting on 24 May 2010. In response Hon Albert CHAN's suggestion to hold a public hearing to gauge the views of travel agents, their frontline staff as well as general consumers on TIC's operation, members agreed that the detailed arrangements should be decided by the Panel in the new legislative session.

To be confirmed

11. Mega Events Fund

At the meeting on 30 March 2009, members were briefed on the setting up of the Mega Events Fund (MEF) to provide financial support to non-profit-making organizations to host attractive mega events in the areas of arts, culture and sports in Hong Kong. A commitment of \$100 million for setting up the MEF was approved by the FC at the meeting on 8 May 2009.

To be confirmed

As at 31 May 2010, a total of seven projects have been selected and an amount of \$27.2 million has been granted. The Administration will update the Panel as appropriate.

12. Provision of postal services

When examining the provision of postal services, the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) was concerned that a large number of postal offices were operating at a loss, and has referred the subject to the Panel for consideration. PAC's referral and the relevant chapter of the PAC Report No. 54 have subsequently been circulated to the Panel on 11 August 2010 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2717/09-10(01).

To be confirmed

According to the Administration, the Government Minute in response to PAC Report No. 54 will be tabled at the Legislative Council on 20 October 2010. Members could decide on the need for discussion of this item after receiving the Government Minute.

Policy issues under Transport and Housing Bureau**13. Fitting-out works for Government facilities at new Air Cargo Terminal**

The Administration plans to seek members' view on the Government's plan to upgrade the proposed project to Category A before submitting the funding proposal to PWSC and FC.

November 2010

14. Proposed revision of fees and charges under the purview of the Marine Department

In line with the "user pays" principle, the Administration proposes to lower certain fees charged by the Marine Department, as one of the measures to enhance the competitiveness of the Hong Kong Port and the maritime industry.

4th Quarter of
2010

**Proposed timing
for discussion****15. Arrangement for re-allocation of berths in public cargo working areas**

Last discussed on 24 November 2008. The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the arrangement for re-allocating the public cargo working area berths for the Berth Licence Agreements commencing on 1 August 2011.

4th Quarter of
2010

16. Review of the regulatory regime of the Air Transport Licensing Authority for local airlines

Last discussed on 29 March 2010. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on the outcome of the consultation exercise and proposed changes to the proposals in the light of the comments received.

1st Quarter of
2011

17. Proposed revision of fees and charges under the purview of the Civil Aviation Department

The Administration proposes to seek members' views on the proposal to adjust certain civil aviation-related fees and charges.

1st Quarter of
2011

18. Development of a logistics cluster in Kwai Tsing area

During the policy briefing at the meeting on 16 October 2009, 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 Administration has been requested to update members on the progress of development of the logistics cluster and LLP in due course.

1st / 2nd Quarter of
2011

19. 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.

First Half of 2011

20. 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 in 2012. The Administration proposes to update the relevant local legislation to prepare for the implementation of MLC 2006.

2nd Quarter of
2011

**Proposed timing
for discussion****21. 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 FC.

To be confirmed

22. Aviation services"Co-location" of immigration and customs facilities at Hong Kong International Airport

In order to enhance the competitiveness of the Hong Kong International Airport, views had been expressed that the Government should liaise with the Central People's Government and the relevant authorities to implement "co-location" of immigration and customs facilities at Hong Kong International Airport.

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 24 January 2005, the Administration advised that co-location of immigration and customs facilities at cross-boundary control points involved complex legal and jurisdiction issues. There was no plan to provide co-location of immigration and customs facilities at SkyPlaza.

23. Collection of air passenger departure tax and fuel surcharge by travel agents

At the meeting on 23 February 2009, members urged the Administration to conduct a review on the current arrangement in respect of the collection of air passenger departure tax and fuel surcharge by the travel agents. The Administration has provided written responses to the issues raised at the meetings on 23 February and 30 March 2009. Hon Paul TSE requested the Panel to follow up the discussion in due course.

To be confirmed

24. 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

Policy issues under the Environment Bureau**25. Annual tariff reviews with the two power companies**

Pursuant to the Scheme of Control Agreements with the two power companies, a tariff review will be conducted jointly by the Government and the respective power company towards the end of each year. The two power companies will announce their tariff for 2011 after the review and present to the Panel if there is any adjustment.

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