

Panel on Development

List of outstanding items for discussion
(Position as at 24 February 2012)

**Proposed timing for
discussion/Remarks**

1. PWP Item No. 4379DS - Feasibility study on relocation of Sha Tin sewage treatment works to caverns

The Administration intends to seek the Panel's funding support for upgrading the above project to Category A. The relevant funding proposal will be submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee for approval in April and May 2012 respectively.

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2. PWP Item No. 5750CL - Study on long-term strategy for cavern development

The Administration will seek the Panel's funding support for upgrading the above project to Category A. The relevant funding proposal will be submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee for approval in April and May 2012 respectively.

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3. Two Regulations to be made under the Lifts and Escalators Bill

The Administration intends to consult the Panel on two Regulations proposed to be made after the enactment of the Lifts and Escalators Bill ("LEB") – one for setting out more specific requirements of the provisions of the new legislation, the other for prescribing the fees payable under LEB. The Regulations will be tabled at the Legislative Council in the second quarter of 2012.

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4. Environmentally friendly linkage system for the Kai Tak Development

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the findings of the feasibility study on the above system. 2nd Quarter of 2012

5. Seismic effects on buildings in Hong Kong

The Administration intends to introduce to members the recommendations of the Buildings Department's consultancy study on seismic effects on buildings in Hong Kong and the proposed way forward. The Administration intends to submit the subsidiary legislation in due course. First half of 2012

6. North East New Territories New Development Areas Planning and Engineering Study

The subject was proposed by Hon LEE Wing-tat. He expressed concern about the proposed comprehensive development and nature conservation enhancement area in the Kwu Tung North New Development Area Preliminary Outline Development Plan. Mid-2012

The Panel discussed the subject of "Planning and Engineering Study on North East New Territories New Development Areas (NENT NDAs) (Stage One Public Engagement)" at the meeting on 25 November 2008. The Administration briefed the Panel on the Preliminary Outline Development Plans in the Stage Two Public Engagement at the meeting on 24 November 2009.

The Administration provided an update on the NENT NDAs Planning and Engineering Study in its supplementary note on the Planning and Engineering Study on Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop --

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Investigation -- Stage One Public Engagement (LC Paper No. CB(1)735/10-11(04)) in December 2010.

7. Review of the functions of the Town Planning Board and related issues

At the meeting with Legislative Council Members on 29 November 2005, Heung Yee Kuk Councillors raised concern about the mechanism to check and balance the powers of the Town Planning Board. The relevant extract from the minutes of the meeting was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)700/05-06 on 13 January 2006.

To be decided
(*Note*)

At the Panel meeting on 14 October 2008, Hon Tanya CHAN, Hon Cyd HO and Hon Abraham SHEK expressed views that issues related to the review of the functions of the Town Planning Board, town planning procedures, and secretariat support for the Town Planning Board should be discussed.

Note: The Administration has advised that review of the Town Planning Ordinance is not a priority of the Development Bureau and thus has not been factored into its current work plan.

8. Small house policy and rural planning strategy

The subject was proposed by Hon CHAN Kam-lam at the meeting on 11 October 2007. A letter from the Chief Secretary for Administration in reply to the Public Accounts Committee (LC Paper No. CB(1)130/07-08(01)) providing information about the progress of the Small House Policy review was circulated to members on 25 October 2007.

To be decided
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At the meeting with Legislative Council Members on 8 January 2009, Heung Yee Kuk Councillors raised

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concern about the arrangements regarding Small House applications by descendents of indigenous villagers after village removal. The relevant documents (LC Paper No. CB(1)935/08-09(02)) were circulated to members on 2 March 2009.

At the meeting of the Panel on 13 October 2011, Hon CHAN Kam-lam urged that the Administration should update the Panel on the subject. Hon Albert CHAN proposed that the discussion should also cover the Government's rural planning strategy.

Note: The Administration has advised that more time is required for its internal deliberation on the subject and thus it would not be ready to discuss the subject in the near future.