

**Panel on Education**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**  
(position as at 10 October 2011)

Proposed timing  
for discussion

- 1. Recurrent funding for University Grants Committee ("UGC")-funded institutions in the 2012-2013 to 2014-2015 triennium** November 2011

Item proposed by the Administration. UGC has submitted its recommendation on the recurrent funding for the 2012-2013 to 2014-2015 triennium to the Government. Subject to the Panel's support, the Administration will seek funding approval of the Finance Committee in December 2011.

- 2. Review of Non-means-tested Loan Schemes – Phase 2 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 non-means-tested loan schemes administered by the Student Financial Assistance Agency which will be put forward by the Administration for Phase 2 public consultation. November 2011

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for discussion

**3. Report on the Working Group on Education for Ethnic Minorities of the Equal Opportunities Commission (“the Report”)**

Subsequent to the release of the Report by the Equal Opportunities Commission ("EOC"), Hong Kong Unison has requested the Panel to discuss the Report at the earliest opportunity and invite the Chairman of EOC to attend the meeting to brief members on the Report. The letter from Hong Kong Unison was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2399/10-11(01) on 15 July 2011.

December 2011

The Administration will meet with the EOC Working Group on Education for Ethnic Minorities ("the Working Group") in early November 2011 in response to its recommendations in the Report. The Administration has proposed that the matter be discussed by the Panel in December 2011 when members will be briefed on the Working Group's views on the Administration's follow-up actions and the proposed way forward.

**4. 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(01) on 24 August 2010.

To be  
confirmed

In August 2011, the Administration provided an information paper to the Panel to report on the latest position on the use and disposal of vacant school premises (LC Paper No. CB(2)2494/10-11(01)) The Administration has proposed that this item be deleted from the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion as the existing mechanism of handling vacant school premises is in force and the Administration has already reported the latest situation.

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**5. 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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confirmed

UGC briefed members on the allocation of research funding and undergraduate student places to UGC-funded institutions at the meeting on 11 July 2011.

**6. 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(01) on 30 September 2010.

To be  
confirmed

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(01) 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. In late April 2011, the Administration provided further information on the latest development of the matter (LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1636/10-11(01) and (02)).

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**7. 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.

UGC provided an update of the UGC-funded institutions' response to the UGC's recommendations on the grievance/complaint handling procedures and the updated grievances/complaint handling flow charts of individual institutions which was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2407/10-11(01) on 18 July 2011.

**8. 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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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.

**9. International schools**

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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(01).

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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.

#### **10. 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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#### **11. Review of eligibility of the mean-tested financial assistance schemes administered by the Student Financial Assistance Agency**

At the meeting on 9 May 2011, members raised concern about the impact of the implementation of the statutory minimum wage on the eligibility of the means-test financial assistance schemes administered by the Student Financial Assistance Agency. The Administration was requested to conduct a review on the income ceiling of these schemes following the implementation of statutory minimum wage and report to the Panel.

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#### **12. Review on the subvention arrangements for the English Schools Foundation ("ESF")**

At the meeting on 11 July 2011, members noted the

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Administration's plan to put into effect the new subvention arrangements for ESF from the 2012-2013 school year. The Administration informed the Panel that it intended to report to the Panel on its proposal on the subvention arrangements for ESF by the end of 2011.

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