

Panel on Economic Development**List of follow-up actions**

(position as at 11 January 2012)

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<p>1. Update on the development of a new cruise terminal at Kai Tak (24 October 2008)</p>	<p>The Panel was consulted on the proposal for retention of a supernumerary post of an Administrative Officer Staff Grade C in the Tourism Commission until 31 December 2014 to oversee the implementation of the cruise terminal project at Kai Tak. When the Establishment Subcommittee (ESC) considered this staffing proposal at its meeting on 26 November 2008, ESC members asked the Administration to review the need for retaining the post through regular reports to the Panel on the progress of the cruise terminal project. The Administration has been requested to provide regular reports on a half-yearly basis in every June and December, and to brief the Panel when necessary.</p>	<p>The Administration updated the Panel on the development of the cruise terminal project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - at the meetings on 25 May 2009, 16 October 2009, 29 March 2010 and 24 January 2011 (LC Paper Nos. CB(1)1624/08-09 (03), CB(1)18/09-10(01), CB(1)1439/09-10(09) and CB(1)1090/10-11(05)); and - by information notes circulated to members on 23 December 2009, 13 July 2010, 7 July 2011 and 7 December 2011 vide LC Papers Nos. CB(1)749/09-10(01), CB(1)2545/09-10(01), CB(1)2674/10-11(01) and CB(1)569/11-12(01).

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2. Leasing arrangements for the new cruise terminal at Kai Tak (24 January 2011)	The Administration was requested to provide information on the income and expenditure associated with the operation of the new cruise terminal at Kai Tak.	The Administration to provide the written response when ready.
3. Safety Oversight Audit of the Hong Kong Civil Aviation System (22 February 2010)	At the request of members, the Administration agreed to provide further information on the final ranking of Hong Kong when the audit programme for all the International Civil Aviation Organization Contracting States had completed by the end of 2010, the results of which will be available until about 10 months later.	The Administration to provide the written response when ready.
4. Tariff adjustment of the Hong Kong and China Gas Company Ltd (Towngas) (29 March 2010)	The Administration was requested to review the framework of economic monitoring of Towngas and consult the Panel in this regard before the expiry of the current Information and Consultation Agreement.	The Administration to take follow up action as requested.
5. Legislative proposal to enhance protection for consumers against unfair trade practices (25 October 2010)	The Administration was requested to explain the rationale of not bringing the professional bodies listed in Annex G of the Administration's paper (CB(1)95/10-11(05)) under the ambit of the expanded Trade Description Ordinance and to demonstrate the extent of consumer protection provided by the ordinances.	The Administration to provide the written response when ready.

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6. Mega Events Fund (MEF) (22 November 2010)	The Administration was requested to provide information on the scope of funding for MEF-sponsored events, including the breakdown of sponsorship on event publicity, administrative fees and cost of activities.	The Administration to provide the written response when ready.
7. Review of the operation of the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong (TIC) (22 November 2010)	TIC was requested to - (a) provide information on the details of outbound and inbound tours collected from the travel agents for the past year, including whether tourist guides or tour escorts were required to pre-pay the travel agents in advance; and (b) report to the Panel the outcome of the value-for-money audit.	TIC to provide information on the outcome of the TIC Board's consideration with regard to the existing tips arrangement among travel agents, tourist guides and tour escorts when ready.
8. Aberdeen Tourism Project (14 December 2010)	The Administration was requested to report to the Panel on the progress of developing the Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market into a tourist attraction.	The Administration to provide the written response when ready.
9. Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) Master Plan 2030 (19 July 2011)	The Panel received views from deputations on HKIA Master Plan 2030 at the meeting. The Administration and the Airport Authority were requested to provide a written response to the views expressed at the meeting.	The Administration/Airport Authority to provide the written responses when ready.

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<p>10. Briefing by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2011-2012 Policy Address (14 October 2011)</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a paper on how it planned to make use of the following developments to create more business opportunities for Hong Kong, particularly in promoting tourism, and industry and commerce in Hong Kong, so as to enable the relevant trades to make preparations and provide support for the developments -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) expansion of the Hong Kong Disneyland and of the Ocean Park; (b) the Hong Kong National GeoPark's joining of the Global Geoparks Network; (c) commissioning of the cruise terminal; (d) construction of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge; (e) consultation on the third runway of the Hong Kong International Airport; and (f) construction of the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link. 	<p>The Administration to provide the written responses when ready.</p>
<p>11. Annual tariff reviews</p>	<p>The Administration/the two power companies were requested to</p>	<p>The requested information was</p>

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<p>with the two power companies (13 December 2011)</p>	<p>provide the following information –</p> <p>(a) information on how the two power companies' tariffs for bulk users such as commercial and industrial users compared with those in Japan, Singapore, Korea and Taiwan, which were Hong Kong's competitors in attracting foreign investments in developing innovative industries; and</p> <p>(b) the financial information on the basis of which the two power companies' proposed increases in tariffs had been worked out, such as details on the operating costs, capital costs, etc., so as to enable members to ascertain whether the rates of increase were reasonable, and whether better cost control could help reduce the rates.</p>	<p>issued vide LC Papers Nos. CB(1)672/11-12, CB(1)675/11-12 and CB(1)760/11-12 on 20 December 2011, 23 December 2011 and 4 January 2012 respectively.</p>
<p>12. Annual tariff reviews with the two power companies (23 December 2011)</p>	<p>CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (CLP) was requested to provide a written response to the Administration's claim in LC Paper No. CB(1)675/11-12 that certain capital expenditures had been prematurely included in the calculation of tariff adjustment.</p> <p>The Administration was requested to provide information on whether it had queried the above premature capital investment when vetting CLP's five-year development plan and if not, whether the investment had not been included in the plan, or had deviated from that listed in the plan.</p> <p>The Administration and the two power companies were requested to provide written responses to the following motion passed at the</p>	<p>CLP to provide the written response when ready.</p> <p>The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)791/11-12 on 6 January 2012.</p> <p>The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No.</p>

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	<p>meeting -</p> <p>"That this Panel strongly demands the two power companies to postpone the tariff increase arrangements on 1 January 2012 for two months, and demands the Government and the two power companies to submit to this Panel before 1 January 2012 the financial information relating to the capital investment of the two power companies in the next five years as well as their operating expenditures, so as to alleviate the concern of society, and in addition, this Panel demands the CLP Power Hong Kong Limited:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. to respond to the demand of the Government, the Legislative Council and society by adjusting downward the increase in its operating expenditure to match the rate of inflation, and removing items of capital investment in dispute from the tariff increase proposal of 2012, so as to further reduce the tariff increase of 2012;2. to fully utilize the balance of the Tariff Stabilization Fund (i.e. to reduce the balance of the Tariff Stabilization Fund to zero immediately), so as to reduce the increase of tariff of the coming year; and3. to undertake to reduce the tariff as soon as it receives	<p>CB(1)791/11-12 on 6 January 2012.</p>

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	the refund of the rates and government rents in 2012 so as to benefit the consumers."	

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