

Panel on Home Affairs

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(as at 17 January 2013)**

	Proposed timing for discussion
1. Two-way Commingling	
The Administration intends to introduce amendments to the Betting Duty Ordinance (Cap. 108) in the second half of the 2012-2013 legislative session in order to facilitate the conduct of two-way commingling for horse race betting. The Administration proposes to consult the Panel on the major amendments before introducing the Bill into the Legislative Council ("LegCo").	February 2013
2. District Administration	
The Administration will give an introduction of its policy on district administration.	February 2013
3. Youth Hostel Scheme	
The Administration will brief members on the latest features of the youth hostel scheme.	February 2013
4. Measures to Enhance Museum Services	
It was announced in February 2010 that public museums would maintain the existing mode of governance under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. The Administration will inform members of the progress on the development and enhancement of museum services since 2010.	March 2013
5. Indoor Recreation Centre at Area 4, Tsing Yi	
The Administration intends to brief the Panel through the submission of an information paper on the proposed construction of a sports centre in Area 4, Tsing Yi. The	March 2013

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construction is tentatively scheduled to commence in the fourth quarter of 2013 for completion in the first quarter of 2017.

6. Development of public library services

At the special meeting with the Public Libraries Advisory Committee ("PLAC") on 14 June 2010, members welcomed the suggestion for the Panel and PLAC to meet again in the future to further exchange views on issue relating to the development of library services.

March/April
2013

At the meeting on 13 October 2011, Hon KAM Nai-wai suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on the implementation of the trial book drop service for people to return borrowed library books at three major MTR interchange stations and the way forward.

At the request of the Administration and with the concurrence of the Chairman, the discussion of the subject originally scheduled for the meeting on 19 June 2012 has been deferred. The information paper on update on the development of public library services provided by the Administration [LC Paper No. CB(2)2272/11-12] has been circulated to members on 5 June 2012.

The Administration proposes to discuss the issue in March/April 2013.

7. First Territory-wide survey on Intangible Cultural Heritage

The Administration will inform the Panel of the results of the territory-wide survey of intangible cultural heritage items in Hong Kong, including the preparation of the draft inventory list.

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8. Property Management Services Bill

The Advisory Committee on the Regulation of the Property Management Industry was set up in December 2011 to work out the details of the licensing regime for the property management industry. The Administration briefed the Panel on the progress of the work of the Advisory Committee at its meeting on 4 July 2012. Members noted that the Administration aimed to submit the Bill to LegCo in mid-2013. The Administration plans to consult the Panel on the major elements of the draft Bill before introducing the Bill into LegCo.

April 2013

9. Relocation of Shanghai Street Refuse Collection Point and Street Sleepers' Shelter and Yau Ma Tei Theatre Phase II Development

The Government plans to relocate the Shanghai Street Refuse Collection Point and the Street Sleepers' Shelter for the Phase II development of the Yau Ma Tei Theatre. The Administration will consult the Panel before seeking the funding approval of the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee for the project.

1st half of 2013

10. Monitoring of Private Recreational Leases ("PRLs")

At the meeting on 13 May 2011, the Administration briefed members on the conclusions of its review on the extent to which organizations operating under PRLs could be open to outside bodies. Members raised their views on the Administration's proposals relating to the access requirements and the conditions of PRLs, and considered that the Administration should conduct a comprehensive review on PRLs.

mid-2013

At members' request, the Administration consulted members on its proposed arrangement for processing renewal of PRLs at the Panel meeting on 8 July 2011. The Panel passed a motion urging the Government, inter alia, to renew PRLs for three to five years, and to review

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the terms and conditions of such leases for allowing greater access to the grantees' facilities by the general public before further renewing their leases.

At the informal meeting on 24 October 2011, the Administration was requested to provide a paper to update the Panel on the development of the subject. At the informal meeting between the Chairman/Deputy Chairman and the Secretary for Home Affairs on 25 October 2012, the Administration undertook to provide the requested information after the meeting at the earliest opportunity.

11. Promotion of arts, culture and sports education in schools

The Panel held a joint meeting with the Panel on Education on 13 May 2011 to discuss matters on the promotion of arts, culture and sports education in schools. Members agreed that another joint Panel meeting should be held to further discuss the matters.

June/July 2013

12. Support and assistance for ethnic minority groups

At the Panel meeting on 16 October 2012, Hon Starry LEE expressed concern as to whether the existing support offered by the Administration on various fronts to ethnic minority groups was adequate. She suggested that the Panel should discuss the issue at a future meeting.

June/July 2013

13. Matters relating to Rural Elections

At the meeting on 8 April 2011 and when scrutinizing the Electoral Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendment) Bill 2012, the Administration advised that a review regarding rural elections would be conducted to identify room for improvement for the conduct of future rural elections. The Administration would brief the Panel of

July 2013

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the result of the review.

14. Community development services

At the meeting on 13 November 2009, Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che suggested that the provision of community development services, in particular those services provided by the Home Affairs Department ("HAD") in collaboration with the welfare sector, should be discussed.

To be confirmed

15. Review of Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance (Cap. 172)

At the request of the Subcommittee on Places of Public Entertainment (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2011, the Administration undertook to convey members' concern and suggestions on reviewing the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance, including narrowing down the scope of "public entertainment" and "place of public entertainment" therein, to the relevant policy bureaux for consideration. The Subcommittee agreed that issues relating to the review of the Ordinance should be referred to the Panel for follow-up. Members' views and the Administration's response on the subject were detailed in paragraphs 27 and 28 of the Subcommittee's report [LC Paper No. CB(2)1152/11-12].

To be confirmed

16. Matters relating to building management

At the meeting on 16 October 2012, Hon WU Chi-wai expressed concern that HAD's recent introduction of the "Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme" and commissioning of two property management companies to provide professional advisory services in respect of building management and maintenance to owners of old buildings might have impact on HAD's role and responsibility on building management issues. He suggested that the Panel

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should discuss the subject of building management at a future meeting.

At the informal meeting on 25 October 2012, the Administration undertook to provide members with an information paper on the subject to facilitate members' consideration of whether the matter should be followed up at a meeting. The relevant information paper [LC Paper No. CB(2)398/12-13(01)] was issued to members on 24 December 2012.

17. Remuneration level of District Council members

At the meeting of the Panel on Constitutional Affairs ("CA Panel") held on 16 October 2012, Hon Regina IP pointed out that there was a great disparity between the remuneration level of District Council ("DC") members and that of Political Assistants or the entry point of the Administrative Officer grade. She considered that the Administration should review the remuneration level of DC members for recognition of their long hours devoted to work. As matters relating to the remuneration for DC members fell under the purview of this Panel, the issue was referred to this Panel for follow-up.

To be confirmed

18. Public consultation

At the CA Panel meeting on 16 October 2012, Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN proposed to discuss whether there was room for improvement in the conduct of public consultation with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of gauging public opinions and the quality of governance. As matters relating to public consultation fell under the purview of this Panel, the issue was referred to this Panel for follow-up.

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