

Panel on Home Affairs

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(as at 15 March 2013)**

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. 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.

April 2013

2. Alignment of fees and charges of municipal facilities and services under the policy purview of the Secretary for Home Affairs

The Chief Executive announced in his 2013 Policy Address that, as a first step, where the fee or charge for a municipal facility or service differs between the urban areas and the New Territories, the lower rate will prevail.

April 2013

To implement this initiative, the Administration plans to align the fees and charges for municipal facilities and services under the policy purview of the Secretary for Home Affairs by way of subsidiary legislation. The Administration will consult the Panel on the fee alignment proposal before introducing the legislation into the Legislative Council ("LegCo").

3. Regulation of the property management industry

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

Mid-2013

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Advisory Committee at its meeting on 4 July 2012. Members noted that the Administration aimed to submit a bill to LegCo in mid-2013 with a view to effecting the licensing regime. The Administration plans to consult the Panel on the major elements of the draft bill before introducing the bill into LegCo.

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

5. First Territory-wide survey on Intangible Cultural Heritage

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

June 2013

6. 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

7. 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

8. Matters relating to rural elections

During the scrutiny of the Electoral Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendment) Bill 2012 and at the meeting on 8 April 2011, 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 on the result of the review.

July 2013

9. Community development services

At the meeting on 13 November 2009,

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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.

10. 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

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

To be confirmed

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

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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. At the Panel meeting on 18 January 2013, Hon WU Chi-wai suggested and members agreed that the item should be kept in the list for future discussion.

12. 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

13. 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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