

Panel on Manpower

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 10 April 2013)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Progress of the implementation of the Mandatory Provident Fund ("MPF") System	18.1.2001	The Administration was requested to provide monthly progress reports on the implementation of the MPF System.	The progress report for February 2013 was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)792/12-13 on 14 March 2013.
2. Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals	4.4.2003 (Joint meeting with the Panel on Security)	The Administration agreed to provide members with progress reports on the Scheme on a regular basis.	Progress report on the Scheme for the period from 1 April 2012 to 30 September 2012 circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)122/12-13 on 30 October 2012.

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3. Implementation of Qualifications Framework ("QF")	Meeting of the Bills Committee on Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Bill	The Administration undertook to report to the Panel the progress of implementation of QF in individual industries on a half yearly basis.	Progress of implementation of QF discussed at meetings of the Panel between October 2008 and January 2013.
4. Policy and arrangements relating to admission of trainees to Hong Kong	23.3.2010	<p>The Administration was requested to -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) provide a breakdown of the number of trainees admitted to Hong Kong by sector, position and training duration; (b) consider the need to establish a formal vetting mechanism under which relevant departments such as the Labour Department ("LD"), Immigration Department and Civil Aviation Department would be involved in processing the applications for visa/entry permit of persons to attend training in their sponsoring companies; and 	Response awaited.

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		(c) report on the outcome of the investigation conducted on Cathay Pacific which had sponsored trainees who were allegedly working in Hong Kong to fill local staff positions.	
5. Creation of employment opportunities under the hawker policy	28.6.2011 (Joint meeting with the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene)	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a response on its study of the vitalization of the existing open-air bazaars in Aberdeen, Sai Kung, Tin Shui Wai and Tung Chung.</p> <p>In its letter dated 20 January 2012, the Food and Health Bureau ("FHB") stated that there has not been a study of the vitalization of the existing open-air bazaars as such undertaken by the Administration. FHB would keep the hawker licensing policy under review and the Administration would welcome proposals from local or community organizations on initiatives to revitalize the local economy, promote district characteristics or create local employment.</p> <p>Having considered FHB's response, members requested the Administration's further response on</p>	Further response from FHB awaited.

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		whether and how it would study the vitalization of open-air bazaars in Aberdeen, Sai Kung, Tin Shui Wai and Tung Chung, etc.	
6. Occupational safety performance	18.12.2012	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) whether inspections had been conducted by relevant departments to assess the air quality of public buses in service;(b) details of the merit and demerit system for public works contractors, in particular the weighting on accident rates when evaluating the tenderers' past performance under the tender assessment system; and(c) the number of prosecution instituted against employers for not reporting cases of occupational injuries and industrial accidents at workplaces.	Response awaited.

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7. Manpower situation of residential care homes for the elderly ("RCHEs")	19.2.2013 (Joint meeting with the Panel on Welfare Services)	The Administration was requested to provide the following information - (a) manpower requirement projection for different types of staff in RCHEs, such as health worker, nurse and care worker; and (b) a breakdown of the number of the elderly on the Central Waiting List for Subsidised Long Term Care Services of the Social Welfare Department by their location preferences for RCHEs.	Response awaited.
8. Proposal to revise the rate of Business Registration Certificate levy for the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund ("PWIF")	19.2.2013	The Administration was requested to provide information on the number of cases in which the ex gratia payment made out of PWIF did not fully cover the wages applied because the wages owed to the applicant exceeded four months' wages or the maximum amount of \$36,000.	The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)852/12-13 on 21 March 2013.