

Panel on Home Affairs

List of outstanding items for discussion
(as at 14 March 2014)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. Issues arising from the scrutiny of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (Amendment) Bill 2013

During the scrutiny of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (Amendment) Bill 2013, members of the relevant Bills Committee agreed to refer the following issues to this Panel for follow-up -

April 2014

- (a) proportion of the nominated membership and the arts interests to be specified in the Hong Kong Arts Development Council Ordinance (paragraphs 20-21 of the Bills Committee report [LC Paper No. CB(2)1532/12-13] referred); and
- (b) eligibility criteria for individual arts workers/arts organizations to take part in the nomination of arts interests representatives for appointment to the Hong Kong Arts Development Council ("HKADC") (see paragraphs 22-25 of the Bills Committee report).

At the Panel meeting on 10 October 2013, Hon Cyd HO expressed concern about the arrangements on the polling day for the 2013 exercise to nominate representatives of arts interests for HKADC ("the 2013 Nomination Exercise"). Noting that incorrectly stapled ballots had been issued and the numbers of blank votes received in the nomination exercise of some arts interests were high, she considered that the Administration should conduct a review on the 2013 Nomination Exercise and report to the Panel on the results of the review. Members agreed that issues relating to the 2013 Nomination Exercise be discussed under this item.

2. Provision of new sports facilities in Shatin and Tuen

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The Administration intends to brief members on the Government's proposal to build a sports centre in Area 24D, Shatin and a government complex comprising a sports centre, a community hall and other government facilities in Area 14, Tuen Mun.

April 2014

3. Renovation and expansion of the Hong Kong Museum of Art

The Administration plans to brief members on the Government's proposal to renovate and enhance the facilities of the Hong Kong Museum of Art.

May 2014

4. Government's policy and measures on street performance

At the suggestion of Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN, members agreed at the Panel meeting on 12 July 2013 that the subject matter be discussed at a future meeting. At the Panel meeting on 10 October 2013, Dr CHAN expressed a wish that the Panel would schedule the discussion of this subject within the 2013-2014 session.

May 2014

On 1 November 2013, a referral memorandum from the Clerk to the Panel on Environmental Affairs ("EA Panel") concerning a joint letter dated 6 June 2013 from Hon KWOK Wai-keung and Hon TANG Ka-piu was issued to members [LC Paper No. CB(2)200/13-14(01)]. In the letter, the two non-Panel Members expressed concern about the control over noise of street performances as well as its impact on such activities. Members noted the view of the Chairman of the EA Panel that the issues raised by these two Members should more appropriately be dealt with in the wider context of the Government's policy on street performance, which is under the purview of this Panel.

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At the Panel meeting on 13 December 2013, Hon Claudia MO noted from the Administration's response to her letter dated 22 November 2013 regarding the decision of Yau Tsim Mong District Council to shorten the opening hours of the pedestrian precinct at Sai Yeung Choi Street South [LC Paper No. CB(2)508/13-14(01)] that the effectiveness of the new implementation days/hours of the Mong Kok Pedestrian Precinct would be reviewed in six to nine months' time. She hoped that when the item on promoting street performance was discussed at the Panel meeting in May 2014, deputations could be invited to give views on the subject.

5. Review of the Building Management Ordinance

The Review Committee on the Building Management Ordinance is reviewing various building management issues with a view to making recommendations to the Administration on how to resolve the common building management problems. The Administration plans to consult the Panel on the proposed amendments to the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344).

June 2014

At the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and the Secretary for Home Affairs to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2013-2014 session on 21 October 2013, the Administration agreed that item 15 concerning matters relating to building management could be discussed together with this item.

6. Provision of stage facilities at performance venues under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

The Administration plans to brief members on the provision of stage facilities at performance venues under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

June 2014

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

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for discussion**

At the Panel meeting on 14 June 2013, the Administration briefed members on its progress in renewing PRLs and measures to be taken for the monitoring of facilities that operated under such leases. The Panel passed a motion urging the Government to establish a monitoring and vetting mechanism for the approval and renewal of lands leased under PRLs and to further open up such lands for use by the public, so as to safeguard public interests.

3rd quarter of 2014

On 12 July 2013, members discussed a proposal referred by the Panel on Development ("DEV Panel") to consider forming a joint subcommittee by the two Panels to monitor and review government policies relating to the grant of land under PRLs and to study related issues. After deliberations, members considered it not necessary to form a joint subcommittee to monitor and review the policy on PRLs. Members in general considered that this Panel should continue to follow up matters relating to PRLs with the Administration by requesting the latter to report to the Panel regularly on the progress of the renewal of PRLs as well as the monitoring of facilities that operated under such leases. When the matter was discussed by the Panel in future, members of the DEV Panel would be invited to join the discussion.

At the meeting on 10 October 2013, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan requested that the Administration should report on its follow-up actions on the motion passed by the Panel at its meeting on 14 June 2013 when the subject is discussed by the Panel.

8. Signature project of Wong Tai Sin District Council

The Administration plans to brief members on the proposal of Wong Tai Sin District Council in expanding the area and improving the facilities of Wong Tai Sin Square.

July 2014

9. Review of the Chinese Temples Ordinance

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At the informal meeting on 21 October 2013, the Administration advised that the Home Affairs Bureau ("HAB") was reviewing the Chinese Temples Ordinance (Cap. 153). The Administration intends to brief the Panel within the 2013-2014 legislative session on the results of the review.

July 2014

10. 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.

To be confirmed

11. Implementation of the new betting duty structure for local bets on non-local races under the Betting Duty (Amendment) Ordinance 2013

During the scrutiny of the Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2013, Hon Christopher CHUNG suggested that the Administration should consider reviewing, before expiry of the proposed three-year guarantee period, the proposal of charging a flat betting duty rate at 72.5% as well as the Hong Kong Jockey Club's liability to pay a betting duty of no less than \$175 million per year (i.e. the guaranteed amount) for three years (i.e. the guaranteed period) after implementation of the new betting duty structure for local bets on non-local races. There was another suggestion that the Administration's provision of a report on the progress of the implementation of the Bill to the Panel during the three-year guarantee period would be acceptable (see paragraphs 27 to 29 of the Report of the Bills Committee on Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2013 [LC Paper No. CB(2)1469/12-13]).

To be confirmed

The Administration subsequently advised the relevant

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Bills Committee that upon implementation of the new betting duty structure, the Administration would monitor the turnover of local bets on non-local races as well as the amount of net stake receipts and betting duty receipts so generated for each racing season. It would report the matter to this Panel as and when appropriate [LC Paper No. CB(2)1383/12-13(01)].

12. Review of District Councils

In his letter dated 20 May 2013 [LC Paper No. CB(2)1192/12-13(01)] and at the Panel meeting on 28 May 2013, Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN suggested that issues relating to the review of District Councils ("DCs"), including, among others, the roles and functions of DCs and resources allocation, should be discussed by the Panel. At the Panel meeting on 10 October 2013, he and Dr Hon Helena WONG requested that the item be discussed as early as possible.

To be confirmed

13. Public consultation

At the meeting of the Panel on Constitutional Affairs 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.

To be confirmed

14. Sports policy

Item proposed by Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN.

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 14 December 2012, the Administration briefed members on the core elements of

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the Government's sports policy and the key initiatives implemented or planned for achieving the relevant policy objectives. At the Panel meeting on 10 October 2013, Dr CHAN expressed his hope that the Panel would continue to discuss the Government's sports policy at a future meeting.

15. Matters relating to building management

At the Panel meeting on 10 October 2013, Hon WU Chi-wai said that when the Administration briefed the Panel on various building management initiatives implemented by the Home Affairs Department ("HAD") in recent years at the meeting on 28 May 2013, many members had expressed concern about the manpower situation of Liaison Officers engaged in building management duties in HAD Headquarters and the District Building Management Liaison Teams in 18 districts. He suggested that the Panel should follow up on this matter.

To be confirmed

At the informal meeting on 21 October 2013, the Administration agreed that this item could be discussed together with item 5 above.

16. Issues concerning the removal of some persons from the Golden Bauhinia Square during the National Day Flag Raising Ceremony

In their joint letter addressed to the Chairmen of the Panel on Home Affairs and the Panel on Security ("SE Panel") dated 7 October 2013 [LC Paper No. CB(2)23/13-14(01)], Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN and Hon Dennis KWOK (a non-Panel member) expressed concern about recent media reports on the removal of some persons from the Golden Bauhinia Square in Wan Chai on 1 October 2013 during the National Day Flag Raising Ceremony. They requested that a joint meeting of the two Panels be held to discuss the matter, as it straddled the policy areas of the

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two Panels.

The SE Panel has briefly discussed the joint letter at its meeting on 10 October 2013. Subsequent to the said meeting, Hon IP Kwok-him wrote, in his capacity as Chairman of the SE Panel, to the Panel Chairman on 11 October 2013 referring the matter to this Panel for follow-up as the National Day Flag Raising Ceremony was co-ordinated by HAD. At the instruction of the Panel Chairman, the subject matter is included in the list of outstanding items for discussion and the Administration has been requested to provide a written response to the issues raised in Dr CHAN's and Mr KWOK's joint letter.

The Administration's response to the joint letter of Dr CHAN and Mr KWOK was circulated to members on 1 November 2013 [LC Paper No. CB(2)202/13-14(01)].

17. 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 HAD in collaboration with the welfare sector, should be discussed.

To be confirmed

18. Review of Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance

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 (Cap. 172) ("PPEO"), 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 PPEO should be referred to the Panel for follow-up. Members' views

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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].

At the Panel meeting on 10 October 2013, Hon Cyd HO advised that according to a recent ruling of the Court of Appeal, dance performance in the pedestrian precinct did not trigger the licensing requirements under PPEO. She suggested that the Panel should follow up on issues arising from the court judgment when the review of PPEO was discussed.

19. Development of football in Hong Kong

At the meeting on 10 January 2014, members noted the two letters respectively from Dr Hon Helena WONG and Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN, expressing concerns about incidents of suspected "match fixing" in matches of the Hong Kong soccer league [LC Paper Nos. CB(2)617/13-14(01) and (02)].

To be confirmed

Dr CHAN considered it necessary for the Administration to update members on Hong Kong Football Association's implementation of "Project Phoenix", a project funded by HAB to help bring about a renaissance of Hong Kong football, and the Administration's next course of action having regard to the effectiveness of the said project. Members agreed that the Panel should discuss the development of football in Hong Kong at a future meeting. Dr CHAN subsequently suggested that when the item was discussed by the Panel, deputations should be invited to give views on the subject.