

Panel on Home Affairs

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(as at 7 October 2013)**

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. Review of allowance and expense reimbursement arrangements for 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.

November 2013

The Administration proposes to discuss the item of "Review of allowance and expense reimbursement arrangements for District Council Members" in November 2013.

2. Management and maintenance of the Hong Kong Stadium Turf Pitch

In their letters issued in late July 2013 and addressed either to the Secretary for Home Affairs ("SHA") or the Panel Chairman [LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1675/12-13(01) to (03)], Hon MA Fung-kwok, Hon WONG Kwok-hing and Hon WONG Yuk-man (a non-Panel member) expressed concern over the quality of the turf pitch at the Hong Kong Stadium and the performance of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD") in the maintenance and management of the Hong Kong Stadium.

November 2013

There was a request for discussion of the matter at a Panel

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meeting. The Chairman instructed that the subject of the maintenance and management of the Hong Kong Stadium and other leisure and sports facilities of LCSD be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

In his letter dated 7 August 2013 [LC Paper No. CB(2)1708/12-13(01)], Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN expressed similar concern and requested that the matter be discussed at the first Panel meeting in the 2013-2014 session.

On 20 August 2013, the Administration replied to the letters of six Members who had written to SHA expressing concern over the quality of the turf pitch at the Hong Kong Stadium [LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1730/12-13(01) to (06)]. The Administration will brief the Panel on the follow-up actions for improving the condition of the turf pitch of the Hong Kong Stadium.

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 Advisory Committee at its meeting on 4 July 2012. The Administration plans to consult the Panel on the major elements of the draft bill before introducing the bill into the Legislative Council.

December 2013

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

At the meeting on 12 July 2013, members discussed the proposal of Hon Gary FAN which was referred to this Panel for consideration by the Panel on Development ("DEV Panel"). Mr FAN proposed that a joint subcommittee be formed by the two Panels to monitor and review government policies relating to the grant of land under PRLs and to study related issues.

January 2014

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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. There was a suggestion that the Administration should be requested to revert to the Panel at the earliest opportunity after the summer break.

5. 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

6. 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 in collaboration with the welfare sector, should be discussed.

To be confirmed

7. 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

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Entertainment Ordinance (Cap. 172), 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].

8. 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.

To be confirmed

9. 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 DCs, including, among others, the roles and functions of DCs and resources allocation, should be discussed at a Panel meeting.

To be confirmed

10. Government's policy and measures on street performance

At the Panel meeting on 12 July 2013, members noted Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN's letter and the Administration's response to his letter dated respectively 18 June and 11 July 2013 concerning the Government's policy on promoting street performance [LC Paper Nos.

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CB(2)1445/12-13(01) and CB(2)1608/12-13(01)]. Members agreed that the subject matter be discussed at a future meeting.

11. Implementation of the Yau Ma Tei Theatre ("YMTT") Phase II project

On 15 April 2013, the Panel was briefed on the Administration's proposal to re-provision the Shanghai Street refuse collection point ("RCP") and street sleepers' services units ("SSSU") to facilitate the implementation of the YMTT Phase II project. After deliberations, the Panel passed a motion urging the Government to respect the dignity of street sleepers in the course of redeveloping YMTT and relocating the nearby street sleepers' shelter and RCP, and to uphold the people-oriented principle by re-provisioning RCP and SSSU to separate sites as well as facilitating the access by street sleepers.

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At the Panel meeting on 12 July 2013, Hon IP Kwok-him expressed concern about the progress of the latest development regarding the Administration's proposal to re-provision the Shanghai Street RCP and SSSU to facilitate the implementation of the YMTT Phase II project. He hoped that the Administration would come up with a feasible solution which could balance the interests of all stakeholders and revert to the Panel as early as possible on how it would take forward the project.

12. 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

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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]).

The Administration subsequently advised the relevant 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)].

13. 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 -

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- (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 (see

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paragraphs 22-25 of the Bills Committee report).

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