

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 12 November 2014)

Timing
for discussion
proposed by the
Administration

1. Consultation on a new set of Copyright Tribunal Rules

The Administration will consult the Panel on the proposal for a new set of Copyright Tribunal Rules to modernize the practice and procedures of the Copyright Tribunal.

(Remarks: The Administration has proposed to delete the item from the "List of outstanding items for discussion" and will provide an information note for circulation to members.)

2. Review of fees and charges of the Intellectual Property Department

The Administration will brief the Panel on the review of fees and charges of the Intellectual Property Department.

16 December 2014

3. Launching of a new Enterprise Support Scheme to replace the Small Entrepreneur Research Assistance Programme under the Innovation and Technology Fund

The Administration will brief the Panel on the details and timeframe for launching the Enterprise Support Scheme to strengthen financial support for companies which conduct in-house research and development. Approval will be sought from the Finance Committee afterwards.

16 December 2014

4. Briefings by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development and the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2015 Policy Address

The Administration will brief the Panel on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2015 Policy Address.

January 2015

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for discussion
proposed by the
Administration**

5. Promotion of inward investment

The Administration will update the Panel on the work of Invest Hong Kong in 2014 and outline the way forward for 2015.

First quarter of
2015

6. Report on the outcome of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation Review

The Administration will brief the Panel on the outcome of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation Review, including proposed long-term development direction of the Hong Kong Science Park and industrial estates.

First quarter of
2015

7. Progress of the Working Group on Intellectual Property Trading

The Administration will report to the Panel the progress of the Working Group on Intellectual Property Trading.

First/second quarter
of 2015

The Bills Committee on the Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No.2) Bill 2011, during the scrutiny of the Bill, has requested the Administration to relay the suggestion of extending tax deduction to more types of intellectual property rights to the Financial Secretary for consideration. The matter was also referred to the Panel for consideration. As agreed at the Panel meeting on 21 October 2014, the Administration was requested to brief the Panel on the promotion of wider application of intellectual property rights through tax deduction during discussion of intellectual property trading.

8. Proposed legislative changes to the Patents Ordinance

The Administration will brief the Panel on the proposed legislative changes to the Patents Ordinance and the progress of implementing the "original grant" patent system and the refined short-term patent system. The Administration plans to introduce the relevant legislative proposal into the Legislative Council in the second quarter of 2015.

First/second quarter
of 2015

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9. Progress report on the implementation of the Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest implementation progress of the Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales.

Second quarter of 2015

10. Progress report on Research and Development Centres 2014-2015

The Administration will report to the Panel on Research and Development Centres' operation for 2014-2015.

Second quarter of 2015

11. Trade relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest developments of the trade relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong, including the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement, assisting Hong Kong enterprises in upgrading and exploring domestic sales in the Mainland, investment promotion, customs clearance of goods, intellectual property rights, tourism, innovation and technology, creative industries, etc.

Second/third quarter of 2015

12. Progress on further liberalization under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement

The Administration will update the Panel on the latest development of the economic and trade co-operation and exchanges between the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and the Central People's Government under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement, as and when there are significant developments.

To be confirmed

13. Diversified development of industries in Hong Kong

As agreed at the Panel meeting on 21 January 2014 and on the instruction of the Panel Chairman, the Administration was requested to brief the Panel on the initiatives in promoting

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diversified development of industries, including the fashion industry in Hong Kong as soon as practicable.

14. Promoting the industrialization of the beauty industry in Hong Kong

At the Panel meeting on 21 January 2014, the Panel passed a motion moved by Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan on "Promoting the industrialization of the beauty industry in Hong Kong". The Administration was requested to brief the Panel on the relevant initiatives as soon as practicable.

To be confirmed

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