

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 19 January 2015)

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.

To be confirmed

(Remarks: The Administration has launched a two-month consultation exercise from 9 December 2014 to 9 February 2015 to invite views on a new set of Copyright Tribunal Rules. Given the technical nature of the consultation exercise, the Administration is seeking the Panel's views by circulation of an information paper issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)340/14-15(01) on 12 December 2014. At the Panel meeting on 16 December 2014, Ms Emily LAU requested that the item be discussed at a future meeting of the Panel.)

2. 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.

February 2015

3. Development of convention and exhibition industries in Hong Kong

The Administration will brief the Panel on the future demand for convention and exhibition facilities in Hong Kong.

February 2015

4. 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/second quarter
of 2015

**Timing
for discussion
proposed by the
Administration**

5. 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.

6. 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

7. 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

8. 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

**Timing
for discussion
proposed by the
Administration**

9. 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

10. 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

(Remarks: An information paper provided by the Administration to update the Panel on the further liberalization under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)373/14-15(01) on 19 December 2014.)

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

To be confirmed

Timing
for discussion
proposed by the
Administration

12. 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

Council Business Division 1
Legislative Council Secretariat
19 January 2015