

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 12 March 2015)

Timing
for discussion
proposed by the
Administration

1. 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.

April 2015

2. Latest developments of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation ("HKSTPC")

The Administration will brief the Panel on the major new initiatives to be implemented by HKSTPC.

April 2015

3. Increase in commitment and enhancement measures for SME Development Fund ("SDF") and SME Export Marketing Fund ("EMF")

The 2015-2016 Budget announced the proposed injection of \$1.5 billion into the SME Export Marketing and Development Funds, increase in the maximum amount of funding support for each SDF project from \$2 million to \$5 million, and expansion of the scope of the EMF. The Administration will brief the Panel on the details of the proposed increase in commitment and enhancement measures to the funds. Approval will be sought from the Finance Committee afterwards.

Second quarter of
2015

4. 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.

Second quarter of
2015

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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.

5. 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

6. 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

7. 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

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(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.)

8. 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

9. 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