

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 5 June 2015)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
<p>1. Enforcement actions under the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance (Cap. 172)</p>	<p>21 June 2010 (special meeting)</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the details of the legal advice sought from the Department of Justice regarding the applicability of the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance (Cap. 172), including what the legal advice was, in what way and when the legal advice was provided, as well as the capacity of the public officer who provided the legal advice; (b) a chronology of events relating to the operations, including the course of actions taken on the date when the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department learnt about the organizers' intention to display some exhibits at Times Square; (c) a copy of the undertaking that the Police requested the organizers to sign for the returning of the exhibits; and 	<p>Response from the Home Affairs Bureau awaited.</p>

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		(d) information on applications for Places of Public Entertainment Licence for the display of art items.	
2. Food surveillance programme	11 March 2014	The Administration was requested to provide information on the maximum permitted concentrations for heavy metals and other harmful substances in food according to the respective standards adopted by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the Europe Union, the Mainland, the United States and Hong Kong.	Response from the Administration awaited.
3. Regulation of pet trading	8 July 2014	As regards the proposed requirement of animal breeders to attend compulsory training, the Administration was requested to provide information about the training programmes, including such as the content of the programmes; and whether and how the breeders would be assessed after completion of such programmes.	Response from the Administration awaited.
4. The management of stray cattle	9 December 2014	The Administration was requested to provide information on the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department's considerations in deciding whether or not fencing or cattle grids would be used to abate the nuisance caused by	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1502/14-15(01) on 18 May 2015.

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		stray cattle to residents or road users in Sai Kung and Lantau Island.	
5. The new agricultural policy and related supportive measures	13 January 2015	<p>The Administration was requested to provide written response to members' enquiries on the following -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the objectives of the proposed new policy on modernization and sustainable development of local agriculture; (b) the considerations for setting the standard tenancy agreements for prospective tenants in the Agricultural Park ("Agri-Park") to 5-year terms; and (c) whether the prospective tenants in the Agri-Park would be allowed to stay overnight in the Park to facilitate their daily farming work. 	Response from the Administration awaited.
6. Provision of columbarium and Garden of Remembrance at Tsang Tsui, Tuen Mun	14 April 2015	(a) To facilitate Members' consideration of the proposed works project, the Administration was requested to provide, in its paper to be submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee, more detailed information on the following -	The Administration's responses regarding items (a) and (b) were issued to members vide LC Paper Nos. PWSC(2015-16)19 and CB(2)1594/14-15(01)

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		<p>(i) the formula for calculating the estimated standard fee of a public niche, whether the "user pays" principle would be adopted in setting the standard fee of a public niche, and, if so, the estimated costing of the relevant components of the new columbarium in Tsang Tsui to be taken into account under the "user pays" principle;</p> <p>(ii) the traffic impact assessment of the proposed project, including the estimated traffic flow induced by the project, the estimated traffic conditions of the new access road to the columbarium on peak grave sweeping days and other days, the impact of the additional vehicular traffic on the performance of the adjacent road network (e.g. Nim Wan road and Lung Mun road) and the relevant connecting transport arrangements and traffic control during grave sweeping periods;</p>	respectively on 2 June 2015.

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		<p>(iii) the environment impact assessment of the proposed project, including the impact of the project on little Grebes; and</p> <p>(iv) the design of the memorial walls in the Garden of Remembrance.</p> <p>(b) The Administration was requested to provide the Panel with supplementary information on the progress and the targeted timetable, if any, for the public columbarium development in the remaining sites identified under the district-based columbarium development where support from the respective District Councils had yet to be obtained.</p>	
7. Promotion of green burials	14 April 2015	When discussing the item of provision of columbarium and Garden of Remembrance at Tsang Tsui, Tuen Mun, members requested the Administration to provide information on its measures taken and/or to be taken to promote green burials and to fortify the mindset changes for turning green burials into the mainstream mode for handling human ashes.	Response from the Administration awaited.

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8. Proposed legislation for the election of members from the veterinary profession to the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong ("VSB")	14 April 2015	The Administration undertook to provide an information paper to report on the results of the consultation with VSB and members of the veterinary profession on the Administration's proposed arrangements for the election of members from the veterinary profession to VSB.	Response from the Administration awaited.
9. Legibility requirement for nutrition labels of the prepackaged food products	14 April 2015	When discussing the item of reduction of sugar and salt content in food, there was a request for the Administration to provide information on the enforcement actions including prosecutions taken against non-compliance with the legibility requirement for nutrition labels of prepackaged food products under the Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) Regulations (Cap. 132W) since the publication of the Public Account Committee Report No. 57 in February 2012 which covered, inter alia, food labelling.	Response from the Administration awaited.
10. Declaration requirements for food imported from Japan	12 May 2015	During the discussion on the implementation of the Food Safety Ordinance (Cap. 612), the Administration was requested to provide information on the number of cases that importers did not state the relevant prefecture of Japan where the food came from or	Response from the Administration awaited.

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		provided wrong information on the place of origin in the relevant customs declaration documents since the implementation of the import ban on Japanese food and the follow-up actions taken by the Centre for Food Safety on the cases.	
11. Hawker Management and enforcement	12 May 2015	The Administration was requested to provide information on the number of complaints received against Hawker Control Teams ("HCT") officers in carrying out enforcement operations and the number of cases that HCT officers were found to have violated the operational guidelines in discharging their duties.	Response from the Administration awaited.