

Panel on Home Affairs

List of outstanding items for discussion

(as at 7 January 2015)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. Review of the honorarium arrangement for District Council members

The Administration plans to consult members on the proposal relating to the honorarium arrangement for District Council ("DC") members.

6 February 2015

2. Progress of the Kai Tak Multi-purpose Sports Complex Project

The Administration plans to update members on the progress of the Kai Tak Multi-purpose Sports Complex project.

6 February 2015

3. Government's policy on youth development

When discussing the subject of the Government's policy on youth development at the Panel meeting on 24 March 2014, members agreed that the Panel should further discuss with the Administration the Government's overall objectives and strategies for youth development and the concerted efforts of various bureaux/departments in youth development work.

1st quarter of 2015

At the meeting on 9 October 2014, Dr Hon Helena WONG expressed a wish that the Panel would consider inviting deputations, in particular secondary and university students, to give views on the subject when the matter was discussed by the Panel.

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4. Review of the Chinese Temples Ordinance

At the informal meeting on 21 October 2013, the Administration advised that HAB was reviewing the Chinese Temples Ordinance (Cap. 153). The Administration intends to brief the Panel in early 2015 on the results of the review.

1st quarter of 2015

5. Signature Projects (Central and Western District Council, Islands District Council, Sham Shui Po District Council and North District Council)

The Administration plans to brief members on the signature projects of -

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- ◆ Central and Western District Council on the harbourfront enhancement and revitalization at the Western Wholesale Food Market;
- ◆ Islands District Council on the improvement works at Silvermine Bay Beach, Miu Wo and Yung Shue Wan Library cum Heritage and Cultural Showroom, Lamma Island;
- ◆ Sham Shui Po District Council on the development of a Mei Foo Neighbourhood Activity Centre; and
- ◆ North District Council on the improvement of trails and provision of ancillary facilities at Wu Tip Shan and Wa Mei Shan in Fanling, and the improvement of trails and provision of facilities in Sha Tau Kok.

6. Outcome of the public consultation on the Administration's proposals to amend the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance ("HAGAO")

At the Panel meeting on 23 July 2014, the Administration briefed members on the public consultation document entitled "Review of the Hotel and Guesthouse

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Accommodation Ordinance" issued by the Home Affairs Department ("HAD") on 4 July 2014, which set out proposals to amend HAGAO. The Panel subsequently held a special meeting on 12 September 2014 to receive views from deputations on the public consultation document. Members requested the Administration to report to the Panel when the consultation results were available.

At the Panel meeting on 9 October 2014, Dr Hon Helena WONG requested for an early discussion on the findings of the public consultation conducted by the Administration.

7. Sports policy

Item proposed by Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN.

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At the Panel meeting on 14 December 2012, the Administration briefed members on the core elements of the Government's sports policy and the key initiatives implemented or planned for achieving the relevant policy objectives. At the Panel meeting on 10 October 2013, Dr CHAN expressed his hope that the Panel would continue to discuss the Government's sports policy at a future meeting.

At its meeting on 24 March 2014, the Panel agreed to request the Research Office of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") Secretariat to conduct a research study on the institutional structure and governance of the National Olympic Committees in selected places as well as that of their national sports associations. The Panel held an informal meeting on 12 December 2014 to discuss the draft research report on "Olympic Committees, sports federations and sports development in selected places". At the informal meeting, Hon MA Fung-kwok suggested that relevant organizations be invited to give views when the item on sports policy was discussed.

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At the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and the Secretary for Home Affairs to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2014-2015 session on 21 October 2014, the Administration agreed that item 21 concerning matters relating to the participation of the Hong Kong, China delegation in large-scale international multi-sport games could be discussed together with this item.

8. Signature Projects (Wong Tai Sin District Council and Tsuen Wan District Council)

The Administration plans to brief members on the signature projects of - 2nd quarter of 2015

- ◆ Wong Tai Sin District Council on the enhancement of leisure facilities of Morse Park; and
- ◆ Tsuen Wan District Council on the redevelopment of Sai Lau Kok Garden.

9. Open space at Hing Wah Street West, Sham Shui Po

The Administration plans to brief members on the plan to develop a new open space at the junction of Hing Wah Street West, Lai Hong Street and Tung Chau Street in Sham Shui Po district. The open space will include a rest garden, an area with fitness stations for the elderly, a children's play area, a pet garden, a 7-a-side artificial turf soccer pitch and other ancillary facilities. 2nd quarter of 2015

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10. Signature Projects (Kwun Tong District Council, Yau Tsim Mong District Council, Sha Tin District Council, Tuen Mun District Council and Yuen Long District Council)

The Administration plans to brief members on the signature projects of - 2nd quarter of 2015

- ◆ Kwun Tong District Council on the construction of music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade and construction of lift tower at Shung Yan Street;
- ◆ Yau Tsim Mong District Council on multicultural activity venue at Battery Street;
- ◆ Sha Tin District Council on the revitalization of Shing Mun River promenade near Sha Tin town centre and decking of Tai Wai Nullah;
- ◆ Tuen Mun District Council on the revitalization of Tuen Mun River and surrounding areas and promotion of youth development in Tuen Mun; and
- ◆ Yuen Long District Council on the construction of a Yuen Long District Community Services Building.

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

At the meeting on 14 June 2013, the Panel passed a motion urging the Government to establish a monitoring and vetting mechanism for the approval and renewal of lands leased under PRLs and to further open up such lands for use by the public, so as to safeguard public interests. 2nd quarter of 2015

On 12 July 2013, members discussed a proposal referred by the Panel on Development ("DEV Panel") to consider forming a joint subcommittee by the two Panels to monitor and review government policies relating to the grant of land under PRLs and to study related issues. After deliberations, members considered it not necessary to form a joint subcommittee to monitor and review the

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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.

At the meeting on 10 October 2013, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan requested that the Administration should report on its follow-up actions on the motion passed by the Panel at its meeting on 14 June 2013 when the Panel discussed the subject.

12. Signature Project of Wan Chai District Council

The Administration plans to brief members on the signature project of Wan Chai District Council on the construction of Moreton Terrace Activities Centre.

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13. Review on the arrangements for nomination of arts interests representatives for appointment to the Hong Kong Arts Development Council ("HKADC")

At the Panel meeting on 11 April 2014, the Administration reported on the exercise conducted in 2013 to nominate arts interests representatives for HKADC ("the 2013 nomination exercise"). Members noted that a review on the arrangements of the 2013 nomination exercise would be carried out to consider areas for improvement for the next nomination exercise before it was launched in the first quarter of 2016. The Administration assured members that the comments made by members of the Bills Committee during the scrutiny of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (Amendment) Bill 2013 and any other views from LegCo Members would be considered in the review. Members agreed that

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the Administration should revert to the Panel on the results of the review once available.

14. 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, where appropriate, to further discuss the matters.

To be confirmed

At the informal meeting on 21 October 2014, the Administration agreed to provide an information paper to update the Panel on the latest progress of the matters so as to facilitate members' consideration of the need to follow up the subject at a Panel meeting.

15. 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 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]).

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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)].

At the informal meeting on 21 October 2014, the Administration indicated that it intended to provide a progress report of the implementation of the Bill to the Panel at a suitable time.

16. 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 by the Panel.

To be confirmed

17. Public consultation

At the meeting of the Panel on Constitutional Affairs 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

At the Panel meeting on 9 October 2014, Dr CHAN expressed a wish that the subject should be discussed as early as possible.

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18. Issues concerning the removal of some persons from the Golden Bauhinia Square during the National Day Flag Raising Ceremony

In their joint letter addressed to the Chairmen of the Panel on Home Affairs and the Panel on Security ("SE Panel") dated 7 October 2013 [LC Paper No. CB(2)23/13-14(01)], Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN and Hon Dennis KWOK (a non-Panel member) expressed concern about recent media reports on the removal of some persons from the Golden Bauhinia Square in Wan Chai on 1 October 2013 during the National Day Flag Raising Ceremony. They requested that a joint meeting of the two Panels be held to discuss the matter, as it straddled the policy areas of the two Panels.

To be confirmed

The SE Panel has briefly discussed the joint letter at its meeting on 10 October 2013. Subsequent to the said meeting, Hon IP Kwok-him wrote, in his capacity as Chairman of the SE Panel, to the Panel Chairman on 11 October 2013 referring the matter to this Panel for follow-up as the National Day Flag Raising Ceremony was co-ordinated by HAD. At the instruction of the Panel Chairman, the subject matter was included in the list of outstanding items for discussion and the Administration had been requested to provide a written response to the issues raised in Dr CHAN's and Mr KWOK's joint letter. The Administration's response to the joint letter of Dr CHAN and Mr KWOK was circulated to members on 1 November 2013 [LC Paper No. CB(2)202/13-14(01)].

19. 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 HAD in collaboration with the welfare sector, should be discussed.

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20. 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 Entertainment Ordinance (Cap. 172) ("PPEO"), 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 PPEO 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].

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 10 October 2013, Hon Cyd HO advised that according to a recent ruling of the Court of Appeal, dance performance in the pedestrian precinct did not trigger the licensing requirements under PPEO. She suggested that the Panel should follow up on issues arising from the court judgment when the review of PPEO was discussed.

21. Matters relating to the participation of the Hong Kong, China delegation in large-scale international multi-sport games

At the Panel meeting on 24 March 2014, members noted the Administration's responses [LC Paper Nos. CB(2)996/13-14(01) and CB(2)1110/13-14(01)] to the three letters from Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN and Hon CHAN Chi-chuen [LC Paper Nos. CB(2)868/13-14(01) & (02) and CB(2)970/13-14(01)] regarding the Hong Kong, China Delegation to the 2014 Sochi Olympic Winter Games. Members agreed that matters relating to the participation of the Hong Kong, China delegation in large-scale international multi-sport games as well as the authority of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee

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of Hong Kong, China to determine the composition of the Hong Kong, China delegation to these games should be discussed at a future meeting.

At the informal meeting on 21 October 2014, the Administration agreed that this item could be discussed together with item 7 above.

22. Public lending right

At the Panel meeting on 24 March 2014, members noted the submission from Hong Kong Public Lending Right Alliance on the introduction of "public lending right" in Hong Kong [LC Paper No. CB(2)1015/13-14(01)]. It was subsequently agreed at the meeting on 11 April 2014 that the subject be discussed at a future Panel meeting.

To be confirmed

At the informal meeting on 21 October 2014, the Administration indicated that it would provide a paper to respond to the issues raised in the above-mentioned submission, so as to facilitate members' consideration of the need to follow up the subject a Panel meeting.