

**Panel on Education**  
**List of outstanding items for discussion**  
(position as at 5 November 2015)

Proposed timing  
for discussion

**Post-secondary education**

**1. Policy on funding support provided to post-secondary institutions by the University Grants Committee ("UGC") and the Research Grants Council**

Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed that the Panel should arrange a meeting to receive views from deputations. Dr WONG also proposed that the Panel should discuss the Research Assessment Exercise 2014 and its implications, if any, on the allocation of funding to the UGC-funded institutions. At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Dr WONG urged for early discussion.

To be  
confirmed

At the meeting held on 8 December 2014, the Administration had briefed the Panel on various types of funding support made available by the Government for research work conducted by the post-secondary education sector. At its meeting on 12 January 2015, the Panel had discussed the recurrent funding for UGC-funded institutions in the 2015/16 roll-over year.

The Administration/UGC had provided written responses on 25 February, 1 June and 3 July 2015 to the letters from Dr WONG dated 3 February, 14 May and 16 June 2015 respectively concerning the UGC Research Assessment Exercise 2014 and policy on funding support provided to post-secondary institutions by UGC [LC Paper Nos. CB(4)573/14-15(03), CB(4)1103/14-15(02) and CB(4)1280/14-15(02)].

**2. Policy on the provision of publicly-funded associate degree programmes**

Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN was concerned about the discontinuation of certain Higher Diploma programmes offered by Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

To be  
confirmed

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| <p><b>3. The appointment and extension of appointment of teaching staff in publicly-funded post-secondary institutions</b></p> <p>Item proposed by Dr Hon Helena WONG.</p>  | To be confirmed                   |
| <p><b>4. Issues related to the level of tuition fees charged on non-local students pursuing publicly-funded postgraduate programmes</b></p> <p>Item proposed by Dr Hon Helena WONG. Issues related to this subject were last discussed on 12 January 2015.</p>  | To be confirmed                   |
| <p><b>5. Grievance procedures of the University Grants Committee-funded institutions</b></p> <p>Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen.</p>   | To be confirmed                   |
| <p><b>6. Issues related to the collection of enrolment deposits and tuition fees for self-financing post-secondary programmes</b></p> <p>Item proposed by Hon WONG Kwok-hing. Issues related to the regulation, governance and quality assurance of the self-financing post-secondary sector were last discussed on 10 November 2014 and 7 February 2015.</p> | To be confirmed                   |

**Secondary and primary education**

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| <p><b>7. Decline in secondary student population and related issues, including small class teaching and class-to-teacher ratio in secondary schools</b></p> <p>Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen and Hon Abraham SHEK. The subject on Measures to address issues arising from the drop in secondary student population was last discussed on 18 March 2014. Issues related to the</p> | To be confirmed |
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class-to-teacher ratio and teacher-to-student ratio had been discussed on 10 and 22 June 2013, while issues related to small class teaching had been discussed at several meetings including those held on 2 and 3 November 2012 and 17 April 2013.

**8. Review on the implementation of Territory-wide System Assessment ("TSA")**

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen. The subject was last discussed on 13 January 2014. Members had also expressed their concerns on this subject when Hon Michael TIEN's motion on "Returning a happy childhood to students" was debated at the Council meeting of 5 November 2014.

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At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Hon Michael TIEN and Hon IP Kin-yuen urged for early discussion. In late October, on account of the concerns raised by various stakeholders over the implementation of TSA, some members requested the Chairman to arrange a special meeting to receive views from deputations and to meet with the Administration.

**9. Review on the policy for Direct Subsidy Scheme schools**

Item proposed by Hon Michael TIEN, Dr Hon Helena WONG and Hon IP Kin-yuen. The subject was last discussed on 13 January 2014.

To be  
confirmed

**10. Review on the subvention arrangements for the English Schools Foundation**

After the Administration had reported the progress of the review to the Panel on 9 July 2013, Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN wrote to the Chairman on 12 July 2013 proposing that the Panel should arrange a meeting to receive views from stakeholders.

To be  
confirmed

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| <p><b>11. Issues related to policy and programme on reprovisioning and redevelopment of sub-standard school premises</b></p> <p>Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN was concerned about the reprovisioning of cuboidal shaped school premises in public housing estates. At the meeting on 15 October 2015, Dr CHAN urged for an early discussion.</p>   | To be confirmed                   |
| <p><b>12. Issues related to the Block Insurance Policy taken out by the Government for aided schools</b></p> <p>Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen.</p>  | To be confirmed                   |
| <p><b>13. Administrative arrangements and subsidy for exchange programmes outside Hong Kong</b></p> <p>Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen. Issues related to this subject were last discussed on 11 May and 8 June 2015 when the Panel discussed sister exchange programmes and the use of funds under the Fee Remission/Scholarship Schemes in Direct Subsidy Scheme Schools in sponsoring overseas educational visits.</p> | To be confirmed                   |
| <p><b>14. Implementation of life planning education</b></p> <p>Item proposed by Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan. This subject last discussed on 9 February 2015.</p>   | To be confirmed                   |
| <p><b>15. Review of the New Senior Secondary curriculum and the Liberal Studies subject</b></p> <p>Item proposed by Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung and Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG. Issues related to this subject were last discussed on 8 June and 15 July 2015.</p>   | To be confirmed                   |

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**16. Issues related to provision of international school places**

Item proposed by Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN. The subject was last discussed on 10 February 2014.

To be  
confirmed

**Issues related to the learning of Chinese and English**

**17. Issues related to English proficiency of students and the policies on the teaching and learning of English**

At the meeting on 16 October 2012, it was agreed that the Panel would discuss matters related to English proficiency of students and the policies on the teaching and learning of English. At the meeting on 15 October 2015, Hon Michael TIEN urged for early discussion.

To be  
confirmed

**18. Issues related to the policy of fine-tuning the medium of instruction for secondary schools**

Item proposed by Hon Michael TIEN.

To be  
confirmed

**Issues related to manpower of schools**

**19. Teacher establishment in primary schools and secondary schools, and issues related to contract teachers**

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen. Issues related to this subject were last discussed on 12 January and 9 February 2015.

To be  
confirmed

**20. Issues related to teaching and non-teaching manpower in special schools**

Item proposed by Hon Cyd HO.

To be  
confirmed

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**Issues related to kindergarten education**

**21. Support for students with special educational needs attending kindergartens**

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen. The Subcommittee to Study the Implementation of Free Kindergarten Education has been dealing with this matter.

To be  
confirmed

**Others**

**22. The existing education system [*and the future of Hong Kong*]**

Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed that the Panel should arrange a meeting to receive views from students. The part in italics falls outside the purview of the Panel.

To be  
confirmed

**23. Measures to follow up the incidents of excessive lead found in the drinking water of certain schools**

Item proposed by Dr Hon Helena WONG. Issues related to the incidents of lead in the drinking water were discussed by Panel on Housing on 22 July 2015, Panel on Health Services on 24 August 2015, House Committee on 1 September and 8 October 2015.

To be  
confirmed

**24. Issues related to school bus services**

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen. This subject was last discussed by the Panel on Transport on 17 April 2015. The Transport and Housing Bureau had replied to several questions on this subject raised at the Council in recent years. *Members may consider whether discussion on this subject should be arranged by the Panel on Transport and members of Panel on Education be invited to join the discussion.*

To be  
confirmed