

Panel on Education
List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 9 October 2017)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

Legislative proposals

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| <p>1. A Member's Bill to amend the University of Hong Kong Ordinance</p> <p>Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen.</p> | <p>To be confirmed</p> |
| <p>2. A Member's Bill on special education needs</p> <p>Item proposed by Hon Dennis KWOK to discuss a Member's Bill jointly prepared by him and Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG.</p> | <p>To be confirmed</p> |

School project

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| <p>3. 8012EE – Redevelopment of Island School at 20 Borrett Road, Mid-Levels</p> <p>The proposed project is for the construction of a 42-classroom secondary school premises for in-situ redevelopment of Island School. The Administration plans to consult the Panel on the proposal before its submission to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee.</p> | <p>To be confirmed</p> |
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Post-secondary education

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| <p>4. Review of the policy on admission of students under the non-Joint University Programmes Admission System</p> <p>Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen. The subject was last discussed on 10 February 2014.</p> | <p>To be confirmed</p> |
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5. **Issues related to the University Grants Committee-funded sector in respect of -** To be confirmed
- (a) **grievance procedures, the appointment and extension of appointment of teaching staff in the University Grants Committee-funded institutions; and**
- (b) **policy on provision of funding and subsidy for the University Grants Committee-funded institutions**

Hon IP Kin-yuen proposed to discuss grievance procedures of the University Grants Committee ("UGC")-funded institutions.

Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed discussing the appointment and extension of appointment of teaching staff in UGC-funded institutions, and review of the policy on provision of funding for UGC-funded institutions and subsidy for non-local students attending UGC-funded post-graduate research programmes.

Secondary and primary education

6. **Remuneration for contract teachers in primary and secondary schools** April 2018

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen.

Issues related to contract teachers were last discussed at the meeting on 12 January 2015 when the Panel discussed the employment opportunities for young teachers.

7. **Comprehensive review of the New Senior Secondary curriculum** To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung, Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG, Hon Michael TIEN, Hon CHAN Chi-chuen and Hon Mrs Regina IP. Concerns were raised about:

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- (a) strengthening the teaching of Chinese literary classics and culture; and
- (b) curriculum development of Business, Accounting and Financial Studies subject.

The Panel discussed issues related to the New Senior Secondary curriculum on 15 July 2015, and the Liberal Studies subject on 8 June 2015 and 13 February 2017.

8. Installation of air-conditioning systems for aided schools

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen.

9. Planning for the provision of primary and secondary school places in the light of student population

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen.

Issues related to the provision and allocation of school places were discussed at the meetings on 18 March, 12 May and 16 July 2014 when the Panel discussed the measures to address issues arising from the drop in secondary student population and issues related to increasing the number of students allocated to each Primary One class.

10. Staff establishment and salary structure in primary schools

To be
confirmed

At the meeting on 11 April 2016, the Panel passed a motion urging the Administration to expeditiously conduct a review on the existing arrangements regarding staff establishment and salary structure in primary schools. In its written response, the Administration advised that as staff establishment and salary structure of primary schools were complex matters involving a wide scope of issues, it would require time to deliberate the subject. At the meeting on 28 October 2016, Hon IP Kin-yuen proposed that the subject be followed up by the Panel.

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11. Whole-day primary schooling and homework policy in primary schools

To be confirmed

Hon Michael TIEN and Hon Claudia MO proposed discussing the implementation of whole-day primary schooling and homework policy in primary schools.

12. School-based After-school Learning and Support Programmes

To be confirmed

Hon Michael TIEN proposed that the School-based After-school Learning and Support Programmes be discussed by the Panel.

13. Promotion of sports and art education in schools and provision of diversified curricula in aided secondary schools

To be confirmed

Hon Michael TIEN proposed discussing the promotion of sports and art education in schools. Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan proposed that the provision of diversified curricula in aided secondary schools be discussed by the Panel.

14. Policy on promotion of reading and Extensive Reading Scheme in primary and secondary schools

To be confirmed

Hon Michael TIEN and Hon IP Kin-yuen proposed discussing the policy on promotion of reading and the Extensive Reading Scheme in primary and secondary schools respectively.

15. Review on the policy for Direct Subsidy Scheme schools

To be confirmed

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

16. Handling bullying and sexual harassment in schools

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Helena WONG.

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17. Discussion on controversial topics in schools

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Michael TIEN and Hon CHAN Chi-chuen. They were concerned about the policy and guidelines, if any, in respect of the discussion on controversial topics, such as the notion of Hong Kong's secession from China, in schools.

Others

18. Support for students with special educational needs

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki. Dr KWOK was concerned that the recommendations made by the Subcommittee on Integrated Education appointed by the Panel in the Fifth Legislative Council had not been fully implemented by the Administration. He proposed discussion on the formulation of policies and strategies for supporting students with special educational needs ("SEN").

At the meeting on 10 July 2017, the Administration briefed members on the new initiatives for integrated education and special education, including the regularization of the provision of Special Educational Needs Coordinators in public sector primary and secondary schools.

19. Teaching and non-teaching manpower of special schools

To be
confirmed

Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG was concerned about the policy on provision of native-speaking English teachers ("NETs") in special schools for children with intellectual disability and the Administration's follow-up action in the light of the judgement regarding the Education Bureau's non-provision of a NET for a special school for children with intellectual disability.

Hon IP Kin-yuen considered that the Panel should discuss the review of social worker establishment in special schools.

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20. Issues related to the implementation of free kindergarten education policy

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen and Dr Hon Helena WONG.

Hon IP Kin-yuen was concerned about various issues related to the implementation of free kindergarten education policy, including salary structure of kindergarten teachers, the tide-over grant covering a two-year period for kindergartens with a large number of long-serving teachers, amount of subsidy to kindergartens, tuition fees and miscellaneous charges of kindergartens, and support for students with SEN.

Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed discussion on the Government's provision of subsidy for and planning of whole-day and long whole-day kindergartens.

At the meetings on 14 November 2016 and 10 July 2017, the Administration briefed the Panel on the latest development in migration to free quality kindergarten education and the enhanced salary arrangements for kindergarten teachers respectively.

21. Issues related to information technology education

To be confirmed

Hon Charles MOK proposed discussing issues related to information technology education, including support for implementing e-learning and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics ("STEM") education, nurturing information technology talents and Internet Learning Support Programme ("ILSP"). The subject of promotion of STEM education was discussed at the meeting on 14 November 2016.

At the meetings on 9 June 2014 and 16 February 2016, the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting ("ITB Panel") discussed issues related to nurturing information technology talents and Internet Learning Support Programme respectively when the Administration consulted

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ITB Panel on the funding proposal to implement the Enriched IT Programme in secondary schools and the proposal to extend ILSP.

22. Governance of University Grants Committee-funded institutions

To be confirmed

Hon Tanya CHAN proposed reviewing the governing legislation of individual UGC-funded institutions that the Chief Executive was the ex-officio Chancellor of these institutions. Hon IP Kin-yuen proposed that issues related to governance of post-secondary institutions be discussed by the Panel.

23. Safety of drinking water in schools and measures to follow up the incidents of excessive lead found in the drinking water of certain schools

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon Helena WONG.

Issues related to the incidents of lead in the drinking water were discussed by the Panel on Housing on 22 July 2015 and 5 December 2016, the Panel on Health Services on 24 August 2015, the Panel on Welfare Services on 9 November 2015, and the House Committee on 1 September and 8 October 2015.

At the special meeting of the House Committee on 11 July 2016, the Administration briefed Members on the latest situation of the incident of lead in drinking water, and the follow-up actions taken by the Administration in response to the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Excess Lead Found in Drinking Water.