

Panel on Economic Development

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 9 October 2017)

		Proposed timing for discussion
1.	Briefings by the Bureau Directors concerned on the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address	October 2017
	<p>The Administration will brief the Panel on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address.</p>	
2.	Proposed retention of three supernumerary directorate posts in the Airport Expansion Project Coordination Office under the Transport and Housing Bureau	November 2017
	<p>The Transport and Housing Bureau will seek the Panel's support for extending the three supernumerary directorate posts in its Airport Expansion Project Coordination Office, which will lapse on 31 March 2018.</p>	
3.	Proposed retention of one supernumerary post of Administrative Officer Staff Grade C in the Tourism Commission of Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (Commerce, Industry and Tourism Branch)	November 2017
	<p>The supernumerary post of the Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (D2) (designated as Assistant Commissioner for Tourism (4)) in the Tourism Commission under the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (Commerce, Industry and Tourism Branch) will lapse on 1 January 2018. The Administration proposes to retain the post to support the development of cruise tourism, monitor the operation of the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal, and oversee the operation and development of Hong Kong Disneyland Resort for three years up to 31 December 2020, subject to further review towards expiry of the three-year period.</p>	

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4. Regulation of unmanned aircraft systems

December 2017

Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho wrote to the Panel on 24 October 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(4)27/16-17(02)) proposing to discuss the regulation of unmanned aircraft systems ("UAS").

The Administration will update the Panel on the results of the consultancy studies on reviewing the existing regulatory framework for the operation of unmanned aircraft systems commissioned by the Civil Aviation Department.

5. Annual tariff reviews with the two power companies

December 2017

Pursuant to the Scheme of Control Agreements with the two power companies, a tariff review will be conducted by the Government and the respective power company towards the end of each year. The two power companies will announce their tariff for 2018 after the review and explain their cases to the Panel if there is any adjustment.

6. Combating against drink and drug boating

Fourth quarter of
2017

The Administration will seek the Panel's endorsement on the legislative proposal to combat drink and drug boating for enhancing marine safety.

7. Proposed amendments to the subsidiary legislation under Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 369) and Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control) Ordinance (Cap. 413) for implementation of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships ("MARPOL"), the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea ("SOLAS") and the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments ("the Ballast Water Management Convention") of the International Maritime Organization ("IMO")

January 2018

The Administration will seek the Panel's endorsement on the following legislative proposals to implement the latest

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requirements under various IMO Conventions –

- (i) to incorporate the latest requirements under SOLAS and MARPOL to regulate the carriage of dangerous goods and marine pollutants; and
- (ii) to establish standards and procedures for the management and control of ships' ballast water and sediments, with a view to implementing requirements under the Ballast Water Management Convention.

- 8. Proposed amendments to the subsidiary legislation under Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 369), Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control) Ordinance (Cap. 413) and Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance (Cap. 478) for implementation of the International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters ("Polar Code") of IMO** January 2018

The Administration will seek the Panel's endorsement on the legislative proposal to incorporate requirements relating to safety, environmental protections and seafarers' qualifications under the Polar Code into local legislation, with a view to regulating navigation in waters surrounding the two poles.

- 9. Update on Hong Kong Disneyland Resort** February 2018

Representatives of the Hong Kong Disneyland will update the Panel on the operations of Hong Kong Disneyland Resort for the fiscal year 2017.

- 10. Hong Kong Tourism Board Work Plan for 2018-2019** February 2018

The Hong Kong Tourism Board will present its work plan for 2018-2019, and brief the Panel on the overview of Hong Kong tourism industry in 2017 and the outlook of 2018.

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- 11. Proposed amendments to the subsidiary legislation under the Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 369) and the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance (Cap. 478) for implementation of SOLAS and the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers ("STCW Convention") of IMO**

March 2018

The Administration will seek Panel's endorsement on proposed legislative amendments to implement –

- (i) the latest requirements under SOLAS governing the construction and survey, as well as the requirements on fire protection and firefighting appliances of ships; and
- (ii) the latest requirements governing the training and qualifications of seafarers on ships using low flashpoint fuels under the STCW Convention.

- 12. Enhancing marine safety during major events at sea**

To be confirmed

The Administration will consult the Panel on the proposed legislative measures to enhance marine safety during major events.

- 13. Report of the Transport and Housing Bureau's Investigation into Staff Conduct in the Marine Department in relation to the Vessel Collision Incident near Lamma Island on 1 October 2012**

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon James TO Kun-sun proposed to discuss the Report of the Transport and Housing Bureau's Investigation into Staff Conduct in the Marine Department in relation to the Vessel Collision Incident near Lamma Island on 1 October 2012 ("the Report"). As new Panel members might not be fully aware of the issue, arrangements should be made by the Administration to again make available the Report for Panel members' perusal.

The Administration has made arrangements similar to that in 2015 for Legislative Council Members to peruse the redacted

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Report at a designated venue under a confidentiality agreement. Hon James TO Kun-sun wrote to the Panel on 26 June 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)1316/16-17(01)) requesting the Panel to discuss the Report.

14. Imposition of a mandatory cooling-off period for consumer contracts

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon Andrew WAN, Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan and Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun proposed to discuss the imposition of a mandatory cooling-off period for consumer contracts and relevant measures to enhance consumer protection. Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin also proposed to discuss matters relating to the scope and operation of the Consumer Legal Action Fund.

Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT and Hon LUK Chung-hung raised similar requests in their letters to the Panel dated 20 October and 25 October 2016 respectively (LC Paper Nos. CB(4)27/16-17(01) and CB(4)38/16-17(01)).

At the work plan meeting on 2 November 2016, the Administration advised that the Consumer Council was conducting a research study concerning cooling-off period. The Administration will brief the Panel on the outcome of the study in due course.

15. Arrangements for the supply of centralized liquefied petroleum gas ("LPG") to existing public housing estates

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Helena WONG Puk-sun proposed to discuss the competition situation of the prices of domestic liquefied petroleum gas.

Hon LUK Chung-hung wrote to the Panel on 28 March 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)777/16-17(01)) proposing discussion on the subject after the completion of the review on the arrangements for the supply of centralized LPG to public housing estates.

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The Administration is reviewing the prevailing arrangements for renewing contracts for the supply of centralized LPG to existing public housing estates and will brief the Panel on the outcome after completion of the review.

16. Reform of regulatory regime for pleasure vessels

To be confirmed

Hon Steven HO Chun-yin wrote to the Panel on 2 November 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(4)65/16-17(01)) proposing to discuss the reform of the regulatory regime for pleasure vessels.

17. Issues relating to online consumers' rights and interests

To be confirmed

Hon LUK Chung-hung wrote to the Panel on 14 November 2016 proposing to discuss issues relating to online consumers' rights and interests (LC Paper No. CB(4)140/16-17(01)). The Administration will address the said concern during the discussion of agenda item on "Imposition of a mandatory cooling-off period for consumer contracts".

18. Update on the food truck pilot scheme

To be confirmed

Hon LUK Chung-hung wrote to the Panel on 20 April 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)908/16-17(01)) proposing to discuss the update on the food truck pilot scheme.

19. Update on the tendering system for petrol filling station sites and follow-up to the auto fuel study conducted by the Competition Commission

To be confirmed

Hon James TO Kun-sun, Hon WU Chi-wai and Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin jointly wrote to the Panel on 31 May 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)1137/16-17(01)) proposing to discuss the Government's review of the tendering system for petrol filling station sites and its exploration of various structural reform options to further competition in the auto-fuel market. The Administration's response to the letter has been circulated to members via LC Paper No. CB(4)1265/16-17(01).

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- 20. Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Big Bay Area in respect of the tourism, shipping and logistics, and value-added service industries** To be confirmed

Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding wrote to the Panel on 24 May 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)1280/16-17(01)) requesting information and discussion on the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Big Bay Area, covering matters relating to the tourism, shipping and logistics, as well as value-added service industries in the area. The information provided by the Administration on this subject is set out in LC Paper Nos. CB(4)1280/16-17(02) and CB(4)1301/16-17(01).

- 21. Flight cancellation issues of Hong Kong Express Airways** To be confirmed

Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding wrote to the Panel on 4 October 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)1647/16-17(01)) proposing to discuss the flight cancellation issues of Hong Kong Express Airways during 1 to 8 October 2017.

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