

Panel on Economic Development

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 8 December 2017)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. **Proposed making and amending of the subsidiary legislation under Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 369) and Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) 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 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.

2. **Proposed making of the subsidiary legislation under Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 369), Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) 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.

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for discussion**

3. 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.

4. 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.

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

February or
March 2018

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).

6. Proposed making and amending of 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

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(ii) the latest requirements governing the training and qualifications of seafarers on ships using low flashpoint fuels under the STCW Convention.

7. Report on the work of the Competition Commission

March 2018

At the work plan meeting on 2 November 2017, Hon Alvin YEUNG proposed to discuss the update on implementation of the Competition Ordinance (Cap. 619) on a yearly basis. The Competition Commission will brief the Panel on its progress in implementing the Competition Ordinance in March 2018.

8. Combating against drink and drug boating

First quarter of
2018

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

9. Proposed creation of two directorate posts in the Civil Aviation Department in support of the three-runway system project at the Hong Kong International Airport

April 2018

The Administration will seek the Panel's support for creating two directorate posts in the Civil Aviation Department in support of the three-runway system ("3RS") project at the Hong Kong International Airport.

10. Update on the development of the three-runway system at the Hong Kong International Airport

April or May 2018

At the Panel meeting on 12 October 2017, Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho proposed to discuss the 3RS development, including the construction progress and project expenditure, on a yearly basis. He also requested the Administration/Airport Authority Hong Kong to provide a progress report every half-year on this subject.

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11. Further development of Hong Kong's port

June or July 2018

At the Panel meeting on 12 October 2017, Hon Claudia MO proposed to discuss the further development of the Hong Kong's port to sustain its competitiveness.

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 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.

At the Panel meetings on 12 and 30 October 2017, Hon James TO Kun-sun requested for early discussion of this subject. The Administration's response to a submission raising a similar request is set out in LC Paper No. CB(4)285/17-18(01).

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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.

The Administration is reviewing the prevailing arrangements for renewing contracts for the supply of centralized LPG to existing public housing estates and will issue an information paper to the Panel in the fourth quarter of 2017 to report the result of the review.

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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. Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao 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 tourism, shipping and logistics, as well as value-added service industries in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area ("the Bay 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).

At the Panel meeting on 12 October 2017, Hon Starry LEE Wai-king proposed to arrange a joint duty visit with the Panel on Financial Affairs to the Bay Area to better understand the economic and financial initiatives brought by this development plan.

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- 20. Proposed Member's Bill to amend the Electricity Ordinance (Cap. 406)** To be confirmed

Hon LUK Chung-hung wrote to the Panel on 11 October and 15 November 2017 (LC Paper Nos. CB(4)36/17-18(01) and CB(4)222/17-18(01)) requesting to discuss a proposed Member's Bill to amend the Electricity Ordinance (Cap. 406) to impose restrictions for resale of electricity to a third party, with a view to avoiding landlords of sub-divisions of flat units overcharging their tenants on the use of electricity. The Administration is preparing the written response on the proposal made by Hon Luk Chung-hung.

- 21. Enforcement situation of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (Cap. 362) and related manpower arrangements** To be confirmed

Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding wrote to the Panel on 12 October 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)45/17-18(01)) requesting to discuss the enforcement situation of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (Cap. 362) and related manpower arrangements.

At the work plan meeting on 2 November 2017, the Administration advised that a written question was raised at the Council meeting of 1 November 2017 on the enforcement of Cap. 362.

- 22. Enhancing the development of green tourism** To be confirmed

Hon YIU Si-wing wrote to the Panel on 14 November 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)200/17-18(01)) requesting to discuss the item on enhancing the development of green tourism. An oral question was raised at the Council meeting of 29 November 2017 on development of green tourism.