

Panel on Economic Development

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 21 June 2018)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

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

July 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).

2. **Proposed creation of one supernumerary post of Senior Principal Executive Officer in the Tourism Commission in support of setting up the Travel Industry Authority**

July 2018

The Administration will seek the Panel's support for creating one supernumerary post of Senior Principal Executive Officer (D2) in the Tourism Commission to assist in setting up the Travel Industry Authority and preparing for implementing the new regulatory regime of the travel industry.

3. **Proposed amendments to Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) Regulation (Cap. 548F) and Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Safety and Survey) Regulation (Cap. 548G)**

To be confirmed

The Administration will seek Panel's endorsement on the proposed legislative amendments to strengthen the requirements on provision of lifejackets on local vessels and to implement safety measures during major events at sea.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

- 4. Proposed making and amending of the subsidiary legislation under the Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance (Cap. 413) and Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance (Cap. 478), and amending the Freight Containers (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 506), for implementation of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships ("MARPOL"), the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers ("STCW Convention") and the International Convention for Safe Containers ("CSC") of the International Maritime Organization**

To be confirmed

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

- (i) the latest requirements under MARPOL for data collection of fuel oil consumption and recording engine operation status within specified areas;
- (ii) the latest requirements governing the training and qualifications of seafarers on passenger ships and ships using low flashpoint fuels under the STCW Convention; and
- (iii) the latest requirements governing the safety of handling, stacking and weighing of freight containers under CSC.

- 5. Further development of Hong Kong's port**

To be confirmed

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.

- 6. Combating drink and drug boating**

To be confirmed

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

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

7. 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").

The Administration has made arrangements similar to that in 2015 for LegCo Members to peruse the redacted Report at a designated venue under a confidentiality agreement from April to May 2017. 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 October, 30 October, 12 December 2017, 22 January, 26 February, 26 March, 23 April and 28 May 2018, Hon James TO Kun-sun requested for early discussion of this subject. Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding also wrote to the Panel on 25 January 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(4)536/17-18(01)) requesting the Administration to make arrangements again for LegCo Members to peruse the latest Report under a confidentiality undertaking. The Administration's responses on this subject are set out in LC Paper Nos. CB(4)285/17-18(01), CB(4)453/17-18(01), CB(4)783/17-18(01), CB(4)968/17-18(02) and CB(4)1260/17-18(03).

8. 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.

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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)).

The Consumer Council released the report on their study concerning cooling-off period on 19 April 2018. The Administration is studying the various issues relating to the imposition of a mandatory cooling-off period, and aims at submitting a proposed framework to the Panel in 2018.

9. 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".

10. 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.

11. 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).

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for discussion**

12. 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, 15 November 2017 and 8 January 2018 (LC Paper Nos. CB(4)36/17-18(01), CB(4)222/17-18(01) and CB(4)464/17-18(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's response is set out in LC Paper No. CB(4)409/17-18(01). At the Panel meeting on 22 January 2018, Hon LUK Chung-hung requested for early discussion of this subject.

13. 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.

14. 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.