

LegCo Panel on Education

List of issues to be considered

1. Review of the education-related executive and advisory bodies

In accordance with the recommendation of the Education Commission Report No.7 (ECR7), the Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB) has conducted a review on the education-related executive and advisory system. A consultation document on the Review of the Education-related Executive and Advisory Bodies was published in May 1998. The consultation period ended on 27 May 1998. The Panel may wish to be briefed on the outcome of the review.

2. Review of academic structure

The Education Commission (EC) has been tasked to review the structure of pre-primary, primary, secondary and tertiary education which will cover, among others, the age at which students should begin each stage of education, the duration of each stage, the curriculum and assessment methods, and the interface between the different stages. On 20 April 1998, two working groups, namely, the Working Group on Pre-primary and Universal Basic Education and the Working Group on Post-Secondary 3 Education, were set up under the EC to conduct the review. The Working Groups will consult the various advisory bodies and education community.

3. Implementation of whole-day primary schooling

In his 1997 Policy Address, the Chief Executive undertook to expedite the implementation of whole-day primary schooling to enable 60% of primary school pupils to study in whole-day schools in the 2002-03 school year. He also undertook to set out a time table for full implementation in his 1998 policy address.

4. Strategy on information technology (IT) in education

The Chief Executive has pledged in his first Policy Address in 1997 to formulate a five-year strategy to promote application of IT in enhancing the effectiveness of teaching and learning. The Administration has subsequently published a consultation document on Information Technology for Quality Education in June 1998 to invite public views on its proposed five-year strategy for the use of IT in education. The consultation ended on 31 August 1998.

The Panel has discussed the consultation document at its meeting on 28 July 1998. The Panel may wish to be briefed on developments in due course.