

Panel on Economic Services

List of outstanding items for discussion
(as at 8 December 1998)

1. Implementation of the Electrical Products (Safety) Regulation (EPSR)

At the Panel meeting held on 23 November 1998, the Administration agreed to defer implementation of EPSR by one month pending discussions between the Administration and importers and retailers of parallel-imported electrical products on transitional measures in order to facilitate the latter in complying with the Regulation. The Administration would report progress by the end of 1998.

2. Transitional Arrangements for the Opening of the Sheung Shui Slaughterhouse

Agreed by members at the meeting on 28 September 1998. Members were concerned about the decommissioning programme of the Cheung Sha Wan Abattoir and its role in the contingency plans during the commissioning of the new slaughterhouse in Sheung Shui.

3. Development of the electricity supply sector

At the special meeting held on 10 November 1998, members agreed to hold special meetings to follow-up on the following issues in due course:

- (a) Interim review of Scheme of Control Agreements
- (b) HEC's proposed financing plan for 1998 - 2003
- (c) Interconnection between CLP and HEC
- (d) Competition in the electricity supply industry
- (e) HEC's generation development proposals at Lamma Power Station
- (f) Installation of CLP Black Point units 7 and 8

4. Sustainable development of the pig raising industry

The Hong Kong Pigfarm Association has put forward a written submission to the President, setting out the difficulties faced by the trade in recent months. The President has subsequently referred the item to the Panel for consideration. The main concerns of the trade include the implementation problems of the Pig Tattoo Tracking System, the smuggling of live pigs into Hong Kong from the Mainland and the import of chilled pork from Thailand. The written submission of the trade was circulated to members vide LegCo Paper No. CB(1)439/98-99 dated 5 November 1998.

5. Review on flight allowance for Flight Operations Inspectors (FOI) of the Civil Aviation Department

The Administration undertook to consider a long term solution to address the retention and recruitment difficulties of FOIs. A progress report on the subject provided by the Administration has been circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 551/98-99 dated 30 November 1998.

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