

Panel on Economic Services

List of outstanding items for discussion
(as at 1 March 1999)

Revised

1. Development of the electricity supply sector

At the meetings held on 10 November 1998 and 25 January 1999, 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 and competition in the electricity supply industry
- (d) HEC's generation development proposals at Lamma Power Station
- (e) Installation of CLP Black Point units 7 and 8
- (f) Demand Side Management programme

2. Retail prices of major fuels

As requested by Members at the Panel meeting on 23 November 1998, the Administration undertook to collect data from oil companies for a detailed analysis on retail prices of major fuels and report the findings to Members. Members also requested that the Administration's analysis should cover the impact of land premium on retail prices of oil products.

3. China Light and Power Company Limited's block tariff structure for domestic customers

As requested by Members at the Panel meeting held on 23 November 1998, the Administration would report progress on the result of China Light and Power Company Limited's review on its inverted four-block tariff structure for domestic customers. The Administration agreed to report progress by March 1999.

4. Terminal Handling Charges (THC)

As agreed at the Panel meeting held on 11 December 1998, the Administration would brief members on outcome of its meeting with relevant parties for more transparency in the setting of THC.

5. Phase two development of the Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Market Complex (CSWWMII)

As agreed at the Panel meeting held on 11 December 1998, the Administration would brief Members on progress of the CSWWMII project in 3-month intervals.

6. Safety of Gas Water Heaters

As requested by Members at the Panel meeting held on 25 January 1999, the Administration would consider measures with a view to reducing the number of accidents involved in use of gas water heaters and brief Members on the progress.

7. Landing and other charges for aeroplanes using the new airport at Chek Lap Kok

This item is proposed by Hon Howard YOUNG at the meeting held on 25 January 1999.

8. Review of the need for major infrastructure projects such as container terminals

The Central & Western Provisional District Board expressed concern that the recent economic downturn might lead to a fall in demand for major infrastructure project, such as container terminals. The need for such projects should be reviewed to avoid wasting of resources. Members agreed at the Panel meeting on 25 January 1999 to put this subject on the list of outstanding items for discussion.

9. Maintenance and transfer of titles of gas pipes laid along external walls of private premises

The Social Service Committee of Tuen Man Provisional District Board expressed concern about the responsibility for maintenance and repair of pipes laid along external walls of private premises built for the purpose of gas supply. Members agreed at the Panel meeting on 25 January 1999 to cover this subject when issues relating to supply of town gas are discussed.

10. 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. The Administration proposes to brief the Panel further in early 1999.

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