

LegCo Panel on Security

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(as at 4.6.1999)**

A. Items proposed by members

1. Travel convenience for visitors to come to Hong Kong

Proposed by Hon Mrs Selina CHOW on 30 July 1998. The Administration has been requested to provide advance information on the Administration's efforts to enhance travel convenience for overseas visitors and visitors from Taiwan to enter Hong Kong. The Administration has provided the requested information which was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2) 202/98-99(02) on 1 September 1998. Members to decide whether it is necessary to follow up the issue.

2. Assistance rendered to Hong Kong residents who get into trouble in Taiwan

Proposed by Hon Albert HO on 5 November 1998. He proposes to discuss the assistance rendered by the Administration to Hong Kong residents who get into trouble in Taiwan, e.g. commit crimes in Taiwan, involve in business disputes and being detained by the Taiwan authorities, or being kidnapped, so that the rights of the individual in question are safeguarded. Although the Panel considered this item might be incorporated in the discussion of problem of Hong Kong residents detained in the Mainland by the special House Committee meeting held on 28 May 1999, the House Committee Chairman advised that the matter be discussed by the Panel.

3. Problem of Hong Kong residents detained in the Mainland

At the special House Committee meeting held on 28 May 1999 when the problem of Hong Kong residents detained in the Mainland was discussed, members agreed that the policy aspect of the matter be followed up by the Panel.

4. Indebtedness of police officers

Members expressed concern about the situation of police officers with unmanageable debts when the subject of quality improvement in the Police Force was discussed by the Panel on 11 February 1999. The Chairman proposed to follow up the issue.

5. Provision of Video-Interview Rooms in Police stations

Proposed by Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong on 11 February 1999. He considered that the provision of Video-Interview Rooms in Police stations was essential to safeguard the fairness in the course of statement taking.

6. New application procedures for the Certificate of Entitlement and related issues

As agreed at the special House Committee meeting held on 5 February 1999, the following two issues are referred to the Panel on Security for follow-up -

- (a) Interpretation of Article 24(2) and (3) of the Basic Law; and
- (b) Mechanism for promulgation of new Certificate of Entitlement application procedures.

7. Operation and establishment of the Commercial Crime Bureau

Proposed by Hon Albert HO on 4 March 1999. He expresses concern about the unduly long investigation time taken by the Commercial Crime Bureau. He considers the Administration should review the manpower and capabilities of the Commercial Crime Bureau. The Administration has been requested to provide information on the operation and establishment of the Commercial Crime Bureau. The Administration has provided the requested information which was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2) 1864/98-99(01) on 6 May 1999. Members to decide whether it is necessary to follow up the issue.

8. Immigration policy for handling entry applications

Some members express concern whether the immigration policy of HKSAR has changed since the reunification as a result of the recent decision of the Director of Immigration to refuse the entry applications submitted by 11 people who are invited to Hong Kong by the Hong Kong Alliance in support of the Patriotic Democratic Movement in China. The Administration has been requested to provide advance information on the issue. The requested information was circulated to members under LC Paper No. CB(2) 2043/98-99(01) on 20 May 1999.

9. Progress of rectification work for Y2K non-compliant systems in government departments within the purview of the Security Bureau

The Chairman suggested, at the Panel meeting on 13 May 1999 when the subject of progress of Y2K compliance in government departments under the purview of Security Bureau was discussed, that the Panel should follow up the progress of the outstanding rectification work in early July 1999 and to study the respective departmental contingency plans.

B. Items proposed by the Administration

Timing

1. Review of Dangerous Goods Ordinance

To be advised

Legislative Council Secretariat

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