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Changes to the schedule of corresponding bureaux and bodies and policy areas in respect of Panels

## **Purpose**

This paper invites members to consider the proposed changes to the corresponding bureaux/bodies of the existing 18 Panels consequent upon the implementation of the new accountability system for principal officials.

## **Background**

2. As a result of the introduction of the accountability system for principal officials, the responsibilities of the previous policy bureaux have been reorganized. Starting from 1 July 2002, the portfolios of the previous 16 policy bureaux are put under 11 Directors of Bureaux. Together with the three Secretaries of Departments, the Directors of Bureaux report directly to the Chief Executive. They are responsible for all aspects of their portfolios: from determining policy objectives and goals, to policy initiation, policy formulation, policy implementation and policy outcome.

## Proposed changes to the corresponding bureaux/bodies and policy areas of Panels

3. In the light of the redistribution of work among policy bureaux, it is necessary to re-adjust the corresponding bureaux/bodies of the 18 Panels. After consulting the Administration, a number of changes are proposed. These changes also include the delineation of responsibility between the Civil Service Bureau and the Financial Services and Treasury Bureau over the personnel/financial matters relating to the civil service and government-funded public bodies. To facilitate members' consideration of the proposed changes, a table setting out the current and proposed arrangements is provided as follows:

Panel	Corresponding	Proposed arrangement		
	Bureau/Body under the former structure	Bureau/Body	Policy areas	
Security	Security	Security	security	
Home Affairs	Home Affairs	Home Affairs	home affairs	
Constitutional Affairs	Constitutional Affairs	Constitutional Affairs	constitutional affairs	
		Civil Service	civil service	
Public Service	Civil Service	Financial Services and the Treasury	Government-funded public bodies	
	Judiciary	Judiciary		
Administration of Justice and	Department of Justice	Department of Justice	administration of justice and legal	
Legal Services	Administration Wing of the Chief Secretary for Administration's office	Administration Wing of the Chief Secretary for Administration's office	services	
Health Services	Health and Welfare		health services	
Welfare Services		Health, Welfare and Food	welfare services	
Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene	Environment and		food safety and environmental hygiene	
Environmental Affairs	Food		environmental affairs	
Transport	Transport	Environment, Transport and	transport	
Planning,	Works	Works	works	
Lands and Works	Planning and Lands	Housing, Planning and Lands	planning and lands	
Housing	Housing		housing	

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	Bureau/Body under the former structure	Bureau/Body	Policy areas
Commerce and Industry	Commerce and Industry	Commerce,	commerce and industry
Information Technology and Broadcasting	Information Technology and Broadcasting	Industry and Technology	information technology and broadcasting
Financial Affairs	Financial Affairs	Financial Services and the Treasury	financial affairs
Education		Education and	education
Manpower	Education and Manpower	Manpower	manpower
		Economic	labour
Economic Services	Economic Services	Development and Labour	economic services

4. As the amended list of corresponding bureaux/bodies of Panels requires the approval of the Council, a resolution will have to be moved to effect the changes as recommended by the House Committee. Subject to members' agreement, the Chairman of the House Committee will move the resolution at the Legislative Council meeting on 9 October 2002. The draft wording of the resolution is in the **Appendix**.

## **Decision sought**

5. Members are requested to consider the proposal in paragraph 4 above.

Council Business Division 1 Legislative Council Secretariat 30 September 2002

## RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

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### RESOLUTION

(Pursuant to Rule 77(1) and (2) of the Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region)

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RESOLVED that the amended terms of reference and list of corresponding bureaux/bodies set out in the Schedule, as recommended by the House Committee, be approved in respect of the existing 18 Panels formed by resolutions made and passed by this Council at its meetings of 8 July 1998 and 20 December 2000.

## **SCHEDULE**

	Panel on	Corresponding Bureau/Body	Policy Area	Terms of Reference
1.	Manpower	<ul><li>(a) Education and Manpower Bureau</li><li>(b) Economic Development and Labour Bureau</li></ul>	Labour and manpower planning matters	Part 1
2.	Commerce and Industry	Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau	Matters relating to commerce, industry, business and services promotion, innovation and technology, intellectual property protection and inward investment promotion matters	Part 2
3.	Public Service	(a) Civil Service Bureau (b) Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau	Matters relating to the civil service and Government-funded public bodies, and other public service matters	Part 3
4.	Administration of Justice and Legal Services	<ul> <li>(a) Judiciary</li> <li>(b) Department of Justice</li> <li>(c) Administration Wing of the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office</li> </ul>	Matters relating to the administration of justice and legal services	Part 4
5.	Home Affairs	Home Affairs Bureau	District, community and rural matters, human rights, civic education, data protection, press freedom, building management, youth and women matters, the provision of leisure and cultural services as well as matters relating to development of arts and culture, public entertainment, sport and recreation	Part 5

	Panel on	Corresponding Bureau/Body	Policy Area	Terms of Reference
6.	Transport	Environment, Transport and Works Bureau	Transport matters	Part 6
7.	Housing	Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau	Private and public housing matters	Part 7
8.	Security	<ul><li>(a) Security Bureau</li><li>(b) Independent</li><li>Commission</li><li>Against Corruption</li></ul>	Security, public order, public safety, corruption-related matters and nationality and immigration matters	Part 8
9.	Constitutional Affairs	Constitutional Affairs Bureau	Matters relating to implementation of the Joint Declaration and the Basic Law, relations between the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and the Central People's Government and other Mainland authorities, electoral matters and district organizations	Part 9
10.	Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene	Health, Welfare and Food Bureau	Matters relating to food safety, environmental hygiene and agriculture and fisheries	Part 10
11.	Financial Affairs	Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau	Financial and finance matters	Part 11
12.	Education	Education and Manpower Bureau	Education matters	Part 12
13.	Planning, Lands and Works	<ul><li>(a) Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau</li><li>(b) Environment, Transport and Works Bureau</li></ul>	Lands, buildings and planning matters, works and water supply and Public Works Programme	Part 13
14.	Welfare Services	Health, Welfare and Food Bureau	Welfare and rehabilitation services matters	Part 14

Panel on	Corresponding Bureau/Body	Policy Area	Terms of Reference
15. Information Technology and Broadcasting	Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau		Part 15
16. Economic Services	Economic Development and Labour Bureau	Matters relating to economic infrastructure and services, including air and sea transport facilities and services, postal and weather information services, energy supply and safety, consumer protection, competition policy and tourism	Part 16
17. Health Services	Health, Welfare and Food Bureau	Medical and health services matters	Part 17
18. Environmental Affairs	Environment, Transport and Works Bureau	Environmental and conservation matters	Part 18

## LegCo Panel on Manpower

- 1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to labour and manpower planning matters.
- 2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
- 3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
- 4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
- 5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

## Legislative Council Panel on Commerce and Industry

- 1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to commerce, industry, business and services promotion, innovation and technology, intellectual property protection and inward investment promotion matters.
- 2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
- 3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
- 4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
- 5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

## Legislative Council Panel on Public Service

- 1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to the civil service and Government-funded public bodies, and other public service matters.
- 2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
- 3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
- 4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
- 5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

## Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

- 1. To monitor and examine, consistent with maintaining the independence of the Judiciary and the rule of law, policy matters relating to the administration of justice and legal services, including the effectiveness of their implementation by relevant officials and departments.
- 2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
- 3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
- 4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
- 5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

#### **Panel on Home Affairs**

- 1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to district, community and rural matters, human rights, civic education, data protection, press freedom, building management, youth and women matters, the provision of leisure and cultural services as well as matters relating to development of arts and culture, public entertainment, sport and recreation.
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- 3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
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- 5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

### **Panel on Transport**

- 1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to transport matters.
- 2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
- 3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy area prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
- 4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
- 5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

## **Panel on Housing**

- 1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to private and public housing matters.
- 2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
- 3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
- 4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
- 5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

### **Panel on Security**

- 1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to security, public order, public safety, corruption-related matters and nationality and immigration matters.
- 2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
- 3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
- 4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
- 5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

#### **Panel on Constitutional Affairs**

- 1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to implementation of the Joint Declaration and the Basic Law, relations between the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and the Central People's Government and other Mainland authorities, electoral matters and district organizations.
- 2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
- 3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
- 4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
- 5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

## Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

- 1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to food safety, environmental hygiene and agriculture and fisheries.
- 2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
- 3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
- 4. To monitor and examine, to the extent it considers necessary, the above policy matters referred to it by a member of the Panel or by the House Committee.
- 5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

#### **Panel on Financial Affairs**

- 1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to financial and finance matters.
- 2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
- 3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
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- 5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

#### **Panel on Education**

- 1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to education matters.
- 2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
- 3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy area prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
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- 5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

## Legislative Council Panel on Planning, Lands and Works

- 1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to lands, buildings and planning matters, works and water supply and Public Works Programme.
- 2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
- 3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
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- 5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

## Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services

- 1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to welfare and rehabilitation services matters.
- 2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
- 3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
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## Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

- 1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to information technology, telecommunications, broadcasting and film services.
- 2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
- 3. To receive briefings and to formulate views on any major legislative or financial proposals in respect of the above policy areas prior to their formal introduction to the Council or Finance Committee.
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- 5. To make reports to the Council or to the House Committee as required by the Rules of Procedure.

#### **Panel on Economic Services**

- 1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to economic infrastructure and services, including air and sea transport facilities and services, postal and weather information services, energy supply and safety, consumer protection, competition policy and tourism.
- 2. To provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on the above policy matters.
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## Legislative Council Panel on Health Services

- 1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to medical and health services.
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- 1. To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to environmental and conservation matters.
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