

Panel on Economic Services

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 12 December 2003)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. **Marine-related subsidiary legislation –**

January 2004

- (a) **Two regulations under the Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance, Cap. 413;**
- (b) **Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) (Specification of Substances) (Amendment) Order; and**
- (c) **Shipping and Port Control (Amendment) Regulations**

The Administration will brief the Panel on the above subsidiary legislation before tabling at the Council.

2. **Expansion of heliport facilities at Macau Ferry Terminal**

January 2004

At the meeting on 23 June 2003, the Administration undertook to brief the Panel on its development plan, including the mode of development and site options, for heliport facilities

3. **Hong Kong Port - Master Plan 2020 Study**

First half of 2004

The Administration will brief the Panel on the findings and recommendations of the "Hong Kong Port - Master Plan 2020 Study".

At the meeting on 3 November 2003, Hon LI Fung-ying also requested the Panel to follow up on the competitiveness of the port of Hong Kong and the implications of CEPA on the container freight industry.

The Panel had previously urged the Administration to ensure that Hong Kong's port development could keep up with the times and global development and could maintain a competitive position.

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for discussion**

4. **Logistics Development**

First half of 2004

The Administration will brief the Panel on the present situation and prospective development of logistics in Hong Kong.

At the meeting on 3 November 2003, Hon SIN Chung-kai requested the Panel to follow up on the progress of the development of the Digital Trade Transportation Network system.

The Panel is also concerned about the measures to strengthen Hong Kong's role as an international and regional transportation and logistics hub. The Panel would also like to be briefed on the work of the Hong Kong Logistics Development Council.

5. **Enhancement of public facilities at Ngong Ping**

First half of 2004

The Administration will brief the Panel of the progress of the enhancement programme to improve public facilities at Ngong Ping.

6. **Privatization of the Airport Authority**

First half of 2004

The Administration will brief the Panel on the Hong Kong International Airport Bill, to enable the partial privatization of the Airport Authority.

7. **Amendment to Civil Aviation Ordinance to release passive aircraft owners from strict liability**

First half of 2004

The Administration will brief the Panel on the proposed amendment to Civil Aviation Ordinance to release passive aircraft owners from strict liability.

8. (a) **Stanley Waterfront Improvement Project**
(b) **Transport link in Tsim Sha Tsui East**
(c) **Implementation of Harbour Lighting Plan Phase II**

Second Quarter of
2004

The Administration will brief the Panel on the above tourism projects.

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9. **Reconstruction of Sha Tau Kok, Wong Shek, Ko Lau Wan, Sham Chung and Lai Chi Chong public piers** Second Quarter of 2004

The Administration will brief the Panel on the funding proposal relating to the reconstruction of Sha Tau Kok, Wong Shek, Ko Lau Wan, Sham Chung and Lai Chi Chong public piers.

10. **Hong Kong Disneyland** To be confirmed

The Administration undertook to provide regular progress reports to the Panel. The last report was made on 24 November 2003.

Other items proposed by members

11. **Follow-up to the Consumer Council's Report on "Competition in the foodstuffs and household necessities retailing sector"** To be confirmed

The item was proposed by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming.

The Consumer Council Study seeks to examine, inter alia, the various areas in the foodstuffs and household necessities retailing sector, focusing on industry trends and development, government regulations, the state of competition in various markets, and allegations of unfair and anti-competitive conduct.

12. **Access to the Mainland aviation market** To be confirmed

The item is a follow-up to an oral question raised at the Council meeting on 19 March 2003. In view of the growing importance and rapid expansion of the Mainland aviation market, members would like to be briefed on the actions the Government intends to take to assist all Hong Kong airlines to have access to the Mainland aviation market.

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13. **Post 2008 regulatory regime for the electricity supply sector and increasing interconnection between the two power companies** To be confirmed
- The Government is conducting a review of the electricity market with a view to drawing up, in good time, a broad framework for the development of the electricity supply sector to succeed the current Scheme of Control Agreements which will expire in 2008.
- At the meeting on 28 July 2003, members urged the Administration to initiate discussion with the two power companies as soon as possible with a view to making early preparation for future third party access to the transmission network and addressing the transitional arrangements between the present and the future market structure.
14. **Development of golf courses and spa facilities** To be confirmed
- The Administration was requested to brief the Panel on the development of golf courses and spa facilities in Hong Kong
15. **Modern cruise terminal** To be confirmed
- The Administration was requested to brief the Panel on the development of modern cruise terminal in South East Kowloon Development.
16. **Development of bicycle industry to boost employment and tourism** To be confirmed
- The item was proposed by Hon LEUNG Fu-wah at the Panel meeting on 3 November 2003.
- The Administration has advised that as this item cuts across bureaux, it may not be appropriate to be considered by the Panel alone.
17. **Development of Post Code/Zip Code in Hong Kong** To be confirmed
- The item was proposed by Hon SIN Chung-kai at the Panel meeting on 3 November 2003.

**Proposed timing
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18. Development of eco-tourism

To be confirmed

Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong proposed to conduct a joint meeting with the Panel on Environmental Affairs to follow-up the survey report and recommendations on eco-tourism published by the Democratic Party (vide LC Paper No. CB(1)499/03-04).

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