

Panel on Planning, Lands & Works

List of outstanding items for discussion
(Updated version as at 24 June 2005)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Concept Plan for Lantau

The Panel was briefed on the Plan at its meeting on 26 October 2004. The Panel may wish to be updated on the outcome of the relevant public consultation exercise. It may also consider the need to invite deputations to express views on the Plan.

July 2005

2. Implementation of Greening Master Plan

The subject was proposed by the Administration. The Administration plans to inform members of the progress in preparation of Greening Master Plans for selected districts in the urban areas and implementation of related planting schemes.

July 2005

3. Issues raised by Heung Yee Kuk (HYK) at meetings with LegCo Members and referred to the Panel for follow-up actions

The following issues raised by HYK have been referred to the Panel -

Processing of small house applications and review on small house policy

To be decided

At the meeting on 10 June 2003, the issue relating to the progress in processing small house applications was raised by HYK. The information papers provided by the Administration were circulated to members vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1)2482/02-03(01) and CB(1)853/03-04 on 22 September 2003 and 26 January 2004 respectively. As advised by the Administration, the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands had indicated that he aimed to pursue the matter on the review on small house policy and related issues within his tenure of office, i.e., by mid 2007.

Proposed timing for discussion

At the meeting on 2 March 2004, the issue was brought up again. HYK Councillors also raised concern about how the construction of village expansion areas approved under the Village Expansion Area Scheme would be affected by the review on small house policy. HYK's views and the Administration's response were circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1895/03-04 on 21 May 2004.

Issues relating to the use of the Frontier Closed Area

To be decided

At the meeting with LegCo Members on 2 March 2004, HYK Councillors raised concern about the present restrictions on the use of the Frontier Closed Area (FCA). They considered that the Administration should relax the various restrictions imposed on FCA to open up these areas for development. The issue was referred to the Panel on Security and this Panel for follow-up. HYK's views and the Administration's response were circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1932/03-04 on 27 May 2004.

4. Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2005 – Minor Works Control Regime

The subject was proposed by the Administration.

To be decided

5. Feasibility study for remaining development in Tung Chung (7TC1CL)

The subject was proposed by the Administration.

To be decided

6. Central Reclamation Phase III

Proposed by Hon CHOY So-yuk. The Panel discussed the subject at joint meetings with the Environmental Affairs (EA) Panel on 13 October, 31 October, 27 November and 8 December 2003 respectively in the 2003-04 session. Members may decide whether a joint meeting with EA Panel should be held to follow up the issue.

To be decided

Proposed timing for discussion

At the meeting on 23 November 2004, Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit opined that the Administration should be requested to provide planning details of the land to be reclaimed, such as the supporting road network, building height, percentage of land planned for commercial use etc. Deputations should also be invited to express views when the Panel discuss the subject.

7. Delivering the Sha Tin Water Treatment Works using Public-Private-Partnership (PPP)

The subject was proposed by the Administration. The Administrations plans to update members on the outcome of the public and staff consultation and the proposed way forward.

To be decided

The subject was discussed at the meeting on 18 May 2004. Members may wish to examine the application of PPP in Hong Kong in the context of the treatment works.

8. Member's bill on conservation of trees

The subject was raised by Hon CHOY So-yuk on 14 October 2004. Miss CHOY intends to present a Member's bill on conservation of trees and proposed that the Bill be discussed at a Panel meeting as soon as possible. A paper on the subject to be provided by Miss CHOY would be issued to members once available.

To be decided

In the 2003-04 session, Miss CHOY proposed a similar bill entitled the "Forests and Countryside (Amendment) Bill 2004", and consulted the Panel on the Bill at its meeting on 27 January 2004. An information paper on the Bill and the draft bill proposed by Miss CHOY were circulated to all LegCo Members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)813/03-04(04). The Administration's comments on the Bill are at LC Paper No. CB(1)813/03-04(05). The minutes of the meeting were circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1313/03-04. Miss CHOY had not introduced the Bill into the Legislative Council.

In the 2004-05 session, Hon CHOY So-yuk resubmitted to LegCo for first reading the Bill (2004 Bill).

Proposed timing for discussion

Following completion of assessment, the Administration commented that the 2004 Bill would relate to public expenditure, the operation of the Government and government policies. The results of the assessment were submitted to the Clerk to LegCo on 2 April 2005. Hon CHOY So-yuk later forwarded a revised version of the Bill (2005 Bill). The Administration is currently assessing the 2005 Bill.

9. Issues concerning handling of applications for rezoning land from “Other Specified Uses” to residential or commercial uses

Proposed by Hon Alan LEONG. Mr LEONG raised an oral question at the Council meeting on 3 November 2004 regarding the alteration of the planned land use of a lot at Ap Lei Chau waterfront from the existing “Other Specified Uses” annotated “Liquified Petroleum Gas And Oil Products Transit Depot” to “Residential (Group A)”. Members would like to discuss the policy and criteria for handling such cases.

To be decided