

Panel on Planning, Lands & Works

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 25 October 2004)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. Development of West Kowloon Cultural District

Proposed by Hon Abraham SHEK. The issue was discussed at the meetings on 18 November 2003, 25 November 2003, 27 April 2004 and 14 July 2004 in the 2003-04 session. The item was originally scheduled for discussion at the October meeting. It was subsequently deferred because the Administration would not be ready to brief members on the progress of the project until November 2004.

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2. Implementation of the Town Planning (Amendment) Ordinance 2004

Proposed by the Administration. Pursuant to its undertaking to the relevant Bills Committee, the Administration intends to consult Members on the proposed arrangements for implementing the Town Planning (Amendment) Ordinance 2004.

To be decided

3. 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

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4. Compensation arrangements for land resumption for urban renewal projects

Proposed by Hon James TO. Although the issue has not been discussed by the Panel in the 2003-04 session, the Bills Committee on Landlord and Tenant (Consolidated) (Amendment) Bill 2003 has examined the subject during its scrutiny of the Bill and referred to the Panel on 2 September 2004 its concerns about the compensation for domestic tenants affected by redevelopment. The report of the Bills Committee was circulated to all Members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2090/03-04 on 10 June 2004.

To be decided

5. 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 however has not formally introduced the Bill into the Legislative Council.

6. Development of cruise pier

Proposed by Hon Abraham SHEK at the meeting on 14 July 2004. The subject was discussed by the Economic Services (ES) Panel on 28 June 2004. Mr SHEK proposed that the development of cruise pier should be followed up by the ES Panel and the Panel jointly in the new term.

To be decided

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7. **4112CD - Drainage improvement in Northern New Territories - Package A**
4125CD - Drainage improvement from Tung Kok Wai to San Wai, Fanling

The above drainage improvement projects were included in the list of potential capital works items to be submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) in the 2003-04 legislative session. At the request of Panel members, the Administration undertook to consult the Panel on these items in due course.

To be decided

In relation to 4112CD - Drainage improvement in Northern New Territories - Package A, Tai Po District Council (TPDC) members conveyed the concerns and objections of residents affected by the proposed works for Ma Wat River at their meeting with LegCo Members on 4 March 2004. Their concerns were subsequently referred to the Panel. The Administration was requested to provide information on the relevant rehousing and compensation policy and arrangements when a discussion paper is submitted to the Panel for consideration of the project.

8. **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 -

To be decided

Relationship between planning, environmental protection, conservation policies and safeguarding the right of private ownership of property

- (a) At the meeting with LegCo Members on 13 February 2001, HYK Councillors expressed concern on the above subject. The subject was referred to the Panel on Environmental Affairs (EA Panel) and this Panel for discussion. Relevant information on the issues raised by HYK and the Administration's response were circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1107/00-01 on 27 April 2001. The subject was reiterated by HYK Councillors at the meetings with LegCo Members on

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29 January 2002 and 10 June 2003 and was referred to the Panel for discussion.

The Administration conducted a review of the existing nature conservation policy and issued a Consultation Paper "Review of Nature Conservation Policy" on 17 July 2003. At the EA Panel meeting on 22 July 2003, the Administration undertook to report the outcome of public consultation to the Panel. Members may decide whether a joint meeting with EA Panel should be held.

- (b) At the meeting with LegCo Members on 29 October 2002, HYK Councillors expressed concern on the impacts of the Town Planning Ordinance (TPO) (Cap. 131) and environmental policies on the interests of land owners. The views of HYK Councillors were circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)566/02-03 on 23 December 2002.

At the meeting with LegCo Members on 10 June 2003, HYK Councillors raised the issue of compensation again and expressed various views on the Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003. The Administration's response to the issue of compensation was circulated to members on 29 September 2003 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2519/02-03. HYK's views on the Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003 were referred to the then Bills Committee for consideration.

Related issues were raised again at the meeting with LegCo Members on 2 March 2004. HYK Councillors considered that TPO should be amended to provide for compensation for diminution of development rights due to planning actions and the issue should be taken up at the next round of review of TPO. 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.

Issues relating to loss of land deeds

At the meetings with LegCo Members on 29 October 2002 and 10 June 2003, HYK Councillors expressed concern on the above subject. Information papers provided by the

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Administration were issued to members vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1)998/02-03 and CB(1)2482/02-03(02) on 27 February 2003 and 22 September 2003 respectively. According to its latest reply (LC Paper No. CB(1)853/03-04 on 26 January 2004), the Administration plans to introduce the proposed legislation in the 2004/05 legislative session.

Processing of small house applications and review on small house policy

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 review on small house policy would be completed within the current tenure of office of the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands, i.e., by mid 2007.

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

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.