Panel on Economic Services

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 10 October 2005)

Proposed timing for discussion

Aviation, Logistics and Port development

1. Logistics services

(a) The Panel would like to be briefed on the latest development of the Digital Trade and Transportation Network System

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To be confirmed

(b) The Panel would like to be briefed on the work of the Hong Kong Logistics Development Council and measures taken to promote logistics development in Hong Kong.

2. Aviation services

(a) Extension of aviation network to the Mainland

To be confirmed

The Panel would like to be briefed on the programme for further opening up of the Hong Kong/Mainland aviation market.

(b) "Co-location" of immigration and customs facilities at Hong Kong International Airport

In order to enhance the competitiveness of the Hong Kong International Airport, views had been expressed that the Government should liaise with the Central People's Government and the relevant authorities with a view to implementing "co-location" of immigration and customs facilities at Hong Kong International Airport.

At the Panel meeting on 24 January 2005, the Administration advised that co-location of immigration and customs facilities at cross-boundary control points involved complex legal and jurisdiction issues. There was no plan to provide co-location of immigration and customs facilities at SkyPlaza.

To be confirmed

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3. Proposed domestic heliport development

The item was last discussed at the joint meeting with the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works on 25 July 2005. Members requested the Administration to revert to the Panel on the matter after its consultations with the relevant District Councils (DCs), the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee and the Town Planning Board on the proposed Government heliport project at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Members agreed that when the Panels further discussed the matter in the next legislative session, the Panels would also invite the relevant DCs, the Hong Kong Regional Heliport Working Group and other relevant parties to take part in the discussion.

Energy

4. Future development of the electricity market in Hong Kong

The Stage I consultation on the future development of the electricity market in Hong Kong ended on 30 April 2005. The Administration provided an information paper on the results of the Stage I consultation to the Panel on 20 June 2005. Taking into account the views received during the Stage I consultation, the Administration will map out the framework for the future development of the electricity market, which will be put out for views under Stage II of the consultation process.

To be confirmed

Tourism

5. Development of new cruise terminal facilities in Hong Kong

Last discussed at the meeting on 28 June 2004.

To be confirmed

The Panel noted that the Administration was considering an open invitation for proposals from interested parties. The objective of the exercise would be to solicit innovative proposals which would enable the timely development of a

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cruise terminal, preferably in the core Harbour area, to meet the medium-term need. The Administration intended to launch the invitation of proposals exercise in the next few months with a view to signing a provisional agreement with the selected proponent in 2006.

6. Development of golf courses and spa facilities

The Administration was requested to brief the Panel on the development of golf courses and spa facilities in Hong Kong.

To be confirmed

The Administration advised that it was already working on the initiative and has commissioned a consultancy study on spa and resort facilities.

7. Enhancement of public facilities at Ngong Ping

The item was proposed by the Administration in the 2003-04 session.

To be confirmed

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

8. Future Development of Ocean Park

The item was last discussed on 27 June 2005. Members noted the Redevelopment Plans for Ocean Park proposed by the Ocean Park Corporation. The Administration advised that subject to the result of the Administration's assessment of redevelopment plans and views received. Administration would consider whether and how to take forward Ocean Park's Redevelopment Plans. Administration would present the way forward and seek Legislative Council's views through this Panel in due course. If there were financial implications for the Government, the Administration would also consult the Panel.

To be confirmed

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Others

9. Tackling malpractices by unscrupulous traders

The item was proposed by the Administration in the 2004-05 session.

To be confirmed

10. Conditions for bulk airmail to Japan

The item was proposed by the Administration in the 2004-05 session.

To be confirmed

11. Review of branch post offices

The item was proposed by the Administration in the 2004-05 session.

To be confirmed

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