

Panel on Home Affairs**List of follow-up actions**

(as at 11 April 2007)

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1. Development of a stadium complex and sports facilities in South East Kowloon	15.1.03	The Administration was requested to provide detailed recommendations on the project.	<i>The proposed Multi-purpose Stadium Complex is one of the major development components in the Kai Tak Planning Review. The Panel on Planning, Lands and Works is following up the South East Kowloon Redevelopment which has covered the project. Progress of the Planning Review including details concerning the stadium project was discussed at various meetings of the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works in 2005 and 2006 (see end note). Members have also commented on the planning of the Multi-purpose Stadium Complex.</i>
2. Review of built heritage conservation policy	9.11.04	The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the motion moved by Mr Albert CHAN urging the Government to put on hold the tendering procedure for the Central Police Station and Victoria Prison. The motion was passed by the Panel.	<i>The latest progress of the policy review was reported to the HA Panel at its meeting on 9 March 2007. A special meeting on the subject will also be held on 20 April 2007. Regarding the</i>

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			<p><i>Central Police Station (CPS) Project, the Administration is examining public views received during the public consultation exercise in considering the way forward. In the interim, community organizations may apply for permits to hold public engagement activities in the CPS Compound.</i></p>
<p>3. Review of advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs)</p>	<p>8.7.05</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a paper setting out the reasons for some of the members of district-based advisory committees having served in the same posts for over six years and why the Administration had difficulties in removing them from the committees; (b) a paper on what initiatives were being introduced by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) for the purpose of bringing in more talents from different backgrounds to the ASBs under its purview; (c) a paper setting out the criteria of appointment and the principles being used by bureaux in making appointments to ASBs; and (d) response to Mr Albert HO's suggestion 	<p><i>As a matter of principle, each ASB appointment is made on the basis of merit of the individual concerned, taking into account the candidate's ability, expertise, experience, integrity and commitment to public service, with due regard to the functions and nature of business of the ASB concerned.</i></p> <p><i>For the purpose of bringing in more talents from different backgrounds to ASBs, HAB has reminded appointing authorities of the need to observe the general guidelines on appointment, such as the six-year rule, six-board rule and the gender balance etc.</i></p>

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		<p>that the Administration should work out recommendations on how existing method of appointment for each ASB should be changed so that it could best tap the talents in the relevant field, and arrange for each Panel to discuss the recommendations for the ASBs under its purview.</p>	<p><i>To facilitate more people to contribute their curriculum vitas (CVs) to the Central Personality Index (CPI), the CV form has been uploaded onto the website of HAB. Any person who is interested to have their personal data included in the CPI may download the form and return the completed CV from to HAB.</i></p> <p><i>The Administration proposes this item be deleted.</i></p>
<p>4. Government's proposed arrangements for staging the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events</p>	<p>20.7.05</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) information on the reprovisioning plan, including photographs and architectural drawing of YMCA Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village for illustration; (b) details of the terms and conditions of the contract which would be signed between the Government and the Beijing Organising Committee for the Games of the 29th Olympiad (BOCOG); and (c) details of the financial arrangements to be worked out by the Government and BOCOG. 	<p>The Administration plans to brief the Panel on the subject in due course.</p>

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		<p>The Administration to request the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) to provide the findings and recommendations of the consultancy study commissioned by HKJC on site investigation.</p>	
<p>5. Proposed guidelines for conducting duty visits outside Hong Kong issued to the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) and the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCO)</p>	<p>9.12.05</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a paper on the monitoring systems for overseas duty visits conducted by -</p> <p>(a) statutory bodies such as the Trade Development Council, the Airport Authority, the Hong Kong Tourism Board, the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation and the Hospital Authority; and</p> <p>(b) the Commissioner/Independent Commission Against Corruption, the Ombudsman and the Chairperson of the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC).</p> <p>The Administration was requested to -</p> <p>(a) review the governance structure of PCO as well as SFC and any other public organisations such as the Monetary Authority; and</p> <p>(b) review the currently proposed guidelines taking into consideration members' comments and revert to the Panel once it</p>	<p><i>The Administration will continue to identify room for improvement to the existing monitoring systems of EOC and PCO through regular meetings with the two bodies.</i></p> <p><i>On the review of governance structure of PCO etc. the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data has been discharging its responsibilities effectively. The Administration has no plan to review the governance structure of PCO for the time being, but would consider doing so where necessary.</i></p> <p><i>As regards SFC, the Administration has strengthened the internal governance of SFC through the Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill 2005 enacted in June 2006 which</i></p>

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		<p>had reached a consensus with EOC and PCO.</p>	<p><i>provide for the separation of the role of the chairman of SFC from that of SFC's executive arm.</i></p> <p><i>The Administration proposes this item be deleted.</i></p>
<p>6. Implementation of recommendations made in the Report of the Independent Panel of Inquiry on the Incidents Relating to the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) and the recommendations made in two other reports of the internal reviews conducted by EOC</p>	<p>13.1.06</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on the following -</p> <p>(a) to conduct research into the past discussions of LegCo during its scrutiny of the Sex Discrimination Bill to see why the Administration and the legislature had decided at that time that the EOC Chairperson should be a full-time executive position;</p> <p>(b) how the functions and powers between the EOC Chairperson and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) would be separated; and</p> <p>(c) a detailed analysis of the policy implications of the proposal</p> <p>for consultation with the Panel, before the Bill was drafted.</p> <p>The Administration was also requested to provide a timetable as to when it would conduct</p>	<p><i>The proposal in the Sex Discrimination Bill for a full time EOC Chairperson was made having regard to the importance and complexity of the work of EOC and the fact that EOC would be going through pioneering times. According to file records, there was no discussion on this proposal during the scrutiny of the bill by the Legislative Council.</i></p> <p><i>Bearing in mind EOC will be the implementation agent for the Race Discrimination Bill (RDB), the Administration does not think this is the appropriate time to examine the proposal of separating the posts of EOC Chairperson and CEO. The Administration will consider</i></p>

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		the consultation with EOC and the relevant bodies on the proposal of separating the posts of the EOC Chairperson and CEO, and when it would submit the above information to this Panel for discussion.	<p><i>looking into this in light of the implementation of RDB if enacted.</i></p> <p><i>The Administration proposes this item be deleted.</i></p>
7. Briefing by the Secretary for Home Affairs on the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2006	16.10.06	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on -</p> <p>(a) the Administration's plan to support the vocational development and the livelihood of elite athletes in Hong Kong; and</p> <p>(b) a new convention on the rights of persons with a disability recently adopted by the United Nations and whether HAB or the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau would undertake a coordinating role for fulfilling the reporting obligation as required under this new convention.</p>	<p><i>The HA Panel will be briefed on item (a) at its meeting on 13 April 2007.</i></p> <p><i>On item (b), the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was adopted by the United Nations on 13 December 2006, and is open for signature by interested State Parties as of 30 March 2007. The Health, Welfare and Food Bureau will be responsible for reporting required under this Convention.</i></p>
8. Outline of topics for preparing the second report of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD)	12.1.07	The Administration was requested to follow up Dr Fernando CHEUNG's suggestion of conducting surveys on the general profile of three ethnicities (Pakistani, Nepalese and Indian), including their educational attainment, employment rate, income level, occupations, etc., as well as in-depth topical research studies on foreign domestic helpers and new arrivals	<i>Census & Statistics Department will conduct analysis of the data collected from the 2006 Population By-Census and prepare special reports on the characteristics of ethnic minorities and persons from the Mainland having resided in</i>

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		from the Mainland, and to provide a written response to the Panel.	<i>Hong Kong for less than 7 years. These reports will cover the population size, demographic characteristics, educational attainment, employment situation etc of the groups concerned. The Administration will submit the reports for discussion when they are available in early 2008.</i>
9. Protection of privacy	9.2.07	the Administration was requested to provide a work plan on how to take forward the Law Reform Commission Reports on privacy and any relevant information as soon as possible.	<i>The matter is being discussed within the Administration. The Administration will revert to the Panel in due course.</i>

Note: The meetings were held on 20 December 2005, 25 January 2006, 27 June 2006, 24 October 2006 and 14 November 2006.

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