Panel on Economic Development

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 13 March 2008)

Proposed timing for discussion

Policy issues under Commerce and Economic Development Bureau

1. Detailed proposals for new Competition Law

The Panel discussed the consultation document on the way forward for competition policy in Hong Kong at the meeting on 21 December 2006 and was briefed on the outcome of public consultation at the meeting on 26 March 2007.

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At the meeting on 22 October 2007, the Administration advised that it would conduct public consultation on the detailed proposals for the new competition law and consult members accordingly.

2. Tsim Sha Tsui Piazza – preferred approach

The issue was discussed by the Panel at its meetings on 24 May 2004 and 25 April 2005.

2nd Quarter of 2008

The Administration plans to consult members on proposed options for the development of a piazza at the Public Transport Exchange adjacent to the Tsim Sha Tsui Star Ferry Pier.

3. Aberdeen Tourism Project

The Government proposes to develop a tourism project in Aberdeen. The Administration will consult members on the proposed development parameters, mode of development and financial arrangement before seeking funding support from Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee in the fourth quarter of 2008.

4th Quarter of 2008

4. Progress update on Hong Kong Disneyland

At the meeting on 21 December 2007, the Administration undertook to report to the Panel at the appropriate time the outcome of the feasibility studies on the financial options proposed by the Walt Disney Company and the details of the discussion on the injection of funds by the Government for the future development of Hong Kong Disneyland.

To be confirmed

Policy issues under Environment Bureau

5. CLP's proposed Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Receiving Terminal in Hong Kong

CLP has submitted to the Government a new Financial Plan pursuant to the Scheme of Control Agreement, which covers a proposed LNG receiving terminal in Hong Kong. The Administration is reviewing the plan with CLP and shall brief the Panel at an appropriate time.

To be confirmed

Policy issues under Transport and Housing Bureau

6. Proposal to establish a vessel height restricted area in the vicinity of the Stonecutters Bridge

The Administration proposes to brief members on the proposal to establish a vessel height restricted area in the vicinity of the Stonecutters Bridge and to seek members' support to the making of relevant regulations, namely Shipping and Port Control (Amendment: Stonecutters Bridge Area) Regulation 2008 (Cap. 313A) and Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) (Amendment: Stonecutters Bridge Area) Regulation 2008 (Cap. 548F).

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7. Updates on the detailed feasibility study of the Lantau Logistics Park

Members expressed concern on the development of Lantau Logistics Park during the policy briefing by the former Secretary for Economic Development and Labour at the meeting on 23 October 2006 and during the meeting with Secretary for Transport and Housing on 22 October 2007.

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The Administration will brief members on the findings of the detailed feasibility study and the subsequent statutory procedures.

8. Aviation services

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

To be confirmed

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

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"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.

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