

Panel on Economic Development

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 18 October 2007)

Proposed timing for discussion

Policy issues under Commerce and Economic Development Bureau

1. Enhancement of footbridges in Tsim Sha Tsui East

The Administration will brief members on its proposal to carry out aesthetic enhancement to the two existing footbridges in Tsim Sha Tsui East, and to replace the ramps of these two footbridges with lifts so as to free up more open space for the public. Subject to funding approval for the proposal by the Legislative Council, works are expected to commence in mid 2008 for completion in 2010.

November 2007

2. Progress update on Hong Kong Disneyland

Proposed for discussion by members at the meeting on 11 October 2007. Members are concerned about the development of Hong Kong Disneyland, its future development plans, and whether the Administration would inject funds into the theme park.

December 2007
(tentative)

3. Development of competition policy in Hong Kong

The Panel was consulted on the issues highlighted in the public discussion document on the way forward for competition policy in Hong Kong at the meeting on 21 December 2006. Members were also briefed on the outcome of the public consultation and the proposed way forward at the meeting on 26 March 2007. Members noted that the Administration had begun work in drafting a cross-sector competition law and it was the Administration's target to introduce the relevant Bill into the Council by the end of 2007. The Administration also indicated that where appropriate, it would consult the Panel on major aspects of the legislation during the drafting process.

To be confirmed

Policy issues under Environment Bureau

4. Future development of electricity market in Hong Kong

The Panel discussed issues related to the future development of the electricity market in Hong Kong at a series of special meetings during the 2005-2006 session. Members noted that

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the Government hoped to conclude the post-2008 regulatory arrangements with the two power companies within 2007, and would make all the necessary preparations for the further opening up of the electricity market within the next ten years.

Policy issues under Transport and Housing Bureau

5. Development of a new Civil Aviation Department (CAD) Headquarters on the Airport Island

The Administration will brief the Panel on CAD's proposal to develop a new headquarters on the Airport Island by end 2010.

November 2007

6. Logistics development

Lantau Logistics Park (LLP)

To be confirmed

Members expressed concern on the development of LLP during the policy briefing by the Secretary for Economic Development and Labour at the meeting on 23 October 2006. The Administration plans to brief members on the findings of the feasibility study and other relevant consideration for the development of the proposed LLP.

7. 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 "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.