

Panel on Economic Development

List of issues suggested to be discussed
(position as at 14 October 2008)

**Proposed timing for
discussion**

**Policy issues under Commerce and Economic Development
Bureau**

1. Update on the development of a New Cruise Terminal at Kai Tak

The Administration intends to brief Members of the Government's decision to fund the development of the cruise terminal at Kai Tak by taking up the construction of the cruise terminal for leasing to a cruise terminal operator. According to the Administration, it plans to provide service to the cruise operators as soon as the first berth is completed in 2013.

October 2008

The Administration plans to seek the approval of the Establishment Subcommittee (ESC) on a related staffing proposal in November 2008.

2. 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 (TWDC) and the details of the discussion on the injection of funds by the Government for the future development of Hong Kong Disneyland (HKD).

November 2008

The Administration proposes to brief members on the operation of HKD in 2008; and to seek members' views on a proposal to create a supernumerary directorate post to enhance support for the Government's negotiations with TWDC on HKD-related matters. The Administration plans to submit the staffing proposal for ESC's consideration in December 2008.

3. Aberdeen Tourism Project

The Government proposes to develop a tourism project in Aberdeen. A business consultant has been engaged to examine the financial viability of the project, and will finalize its recommendations in the last quarter of 2008. The Administration will draw up proposals in light of the

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consultant's recommendations, and discuss with members on the way forward in early 2009.

Policy issues under Environment Bureau

4. CLP's proposed Liquefied Natural Gas 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 Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) receiving terminal in Hong Kong. The Administration recently advises that as CLP confirmed in a public statement issued on 12 September 2008 that it would not pursue its plan to build a LNG receiving terminal at South Soko Island, it proposes to delete the item.

To be deleted

Policy issues under Transport and Housing Bureau

5. Re-allocation of berths in Public Cargo Working Areas

At the meeting on 17 March 2008, the Administration briefed the Panel on the progress of the consultation with the industry on the re-allocation of Public Cargo Working Areas (PCWAs) berths upon the expiry of the existing Berth Licence Agreement in July 2008. In view of the PCWA operators' concern about increased competition brought about by open tender, and possible monopoly of berths by big players, Panel members urged the Administration to re-examine the proposed re-allocation arrangement. Taking into consideration the concerns of the PCWA operators and the industry, the Administration subsequently decided to reduce the number of PCWAs to be put out for open tender from five as originally proposed to two.

November 2008

The Administration plans to update Members on the results of the re-allocation of berths in PCWAs.

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

Members asked to be kept informed of 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.

To be confirmed

Proposed timing for discussion

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

7. Proposed shared-use of the Government helipad at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre with commercial operators

The Administration briefed the Panel on the proposed shared-use of the Government helipad at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre with commercial operators at the meeting on 25 February 2008. At the meeting, members expressed concern about the proposed shared-use arrangement and urged the Administration to conduct extensive consultation with the stakeholders before taking forward the project. The Administration undertook to consult the relevant Panels on the proposal before submitting the project to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee for funding approval.

Around mid-2009

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 "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.