

Panel on Economic Development

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 12 October 2009)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

Policy issues under Commerce and Economic Development Bureau

1. Proposed amendments to Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance

The Administration intends to consult members on proposed amendments to the Ordinance to update the safety standards for toys and children's products. It plans to table the proposed amendments in December 2009.

November 2009

2. Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Enhancement Project

With a view to enhancing the attractiveness of Lei Yue Mun (LYM) as a popular tourism spot through further improving the facilities along the LYM waterfront area, the Administration will consult members on the LYM Waterfront Enhancement Project in the fourth quarter of 2009 before seeking funding support from the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) and Finance Committee (FC) in 2010.

4th Quarter of
2009

3. Update on Hong Kong Disneyland (HKD)

At the meeting on 10 July 2009, the Administration undertook to publish and report to the Panel in the first quarter of 2009-2010 the business review of HKD for the year 2008-2009 which should include business indicators and aggregate financial indicators etc for 2007-2008.

4th Quarter of
2009

4. Operation of the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong (TIC)

At the meeting on 16 July 2009, the Panel passed a motion urging the Government to conduct a thorough review of the structure, functions, fees and relevant arrangements of TIC, including whether it should become a statutory organization and be subject to value-for-money audits, and to provide legal advice on whether the present licensing arrangements for travel agencies were in breach of the Basic Law. The Administration agreed to complete the review in six months' time report the outcome to the Panel accordingly.

January 2010

5. Timing for the introduction of the Competition Bill

When the Panel was briefed on the timing for the introduction of the Competition Bill at the meeting on 30 March 2009, the Administration indicated that it would need more time to prepare the details of the institutional framework and the exemptions provisions in the Bill and had to revise the schedule for the introduction of the Competition Bill from 2008-2009 to 2009-2010.

To be confirmed

Policy issues under Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and Transport and Housing Bureau**6. Collection of air passenger departure tax and fuel surcharge by travel agents**

At the meeting on 23 February 2009, members urged the Administration to conduct a review on the current arrangement in respect of the collection of air passenger departure tax and fuel surcharge by the travel agents. It was agreed that the Panel could follow up the issue at future meetings after members had perused the Administration's written response to the concerns and issues raised at the meeting. At members' request, the Administration has provided written responses to the issues raised at the meetings on 23 February and 30 March 2009, which have been circulated to members on 24 March and 28 April 2009.

The Administration proposes to delete the item

(Note: The subject was discussed at the Panel meeting on 23 February 2009 and supplementary information has been provided.)

Policy issues under Transport and Housing Bureau**7. Proposed fee regulation to be made under the Bunker Oil Pollution (Liability and Compensation) Ordinance**

The Bunker Oil Pollution (Liability and Compensation) Bill empowers the Financial Secretary to prescribe by regulation the fee to be paid on an application for the insurance certificate. The Administration proposes to make the said regulation and the fee will be set in accordance with the "user-pay" principle. The Administration intends to table the subsidiary legislation in November/December 2009.

November 2009

8. Pilotage (Dues) (Amendment) Order

The pilotage service users and service provider representatives have reached a consensus to lower the additional pilotage due under paragraph 5 of Part II of the Schedule to the Pilotage (Dues) Order (Cap. 84 D) for a period of 18 months. The Administration thus proposes to amend the concerned legislation to give effect to this fee reduction consensus of the local shipping industry. The Administration intends to table the subsidiary legislation in November/December 2009.

November 2009

9. Review of the regulatory regime of the Air Transport Licensing Authority for the local airlines

The Administration plans to brief members on the outcome of the review and the legislative proposals relating to the Air Transport (Licensing of Air Services) Regulations (Cap. 448A).

1st Quarter of
2010**10. Proposed provision of customs, immigration and quarantine facilities for SkyPier of the Hong Kong International Airport**

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the proposal before seeking funding approval from PWSC and FC.

To be confirmed

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

Members asked to be kept informed of the development of Lantau Logistics Park (LLP) 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 the Secretary for Transport and Housing (STH) on 22 October 2007.

To be confirmed

On 24 October 2008, the Administration briefed members that it has updated the detailed feasibility study on LLP and will take forward the requisite statutory procedures in connection with the environmental impact and zoning of the site accordingly.

12. Proposed subsidiary legislation to prescribe the charges for the cross-boundary heliport at the rooftop of the Hong Kong – Macau Ferry Terminal

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the legislative proposals.

(Note: The need for prescribing the charges has fallen away as the helicopter company has no plan to apply for an aerodrome licence for the time being.)

The Administration proposes to delete the item

13. Proposed amendments to the Hong Kong Air Navigation (Fees) Regulations and other fees under the purview of the Civil Aviation Department

The Administration proposes to brief members on the legislative amendments.

(Note: The Administration is reviewing the matter.)

The Administration proposes to delete the item

14. Proposed development of a government helipad near the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

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 had consulted the Panel on Development on 26 May 2009 on the funding proposal for the construction works of the government helipad, which was subsequently endorsed by the FC at the meeting on 3 July 2009.

(Note: Funding has been obtained for the project.)

The Administration proposes to delete the item

15. Aviation services**"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.

To be confirmed

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.

Policy issues under the Environment Bureau**16. There is no outstanding item for discussion.**

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